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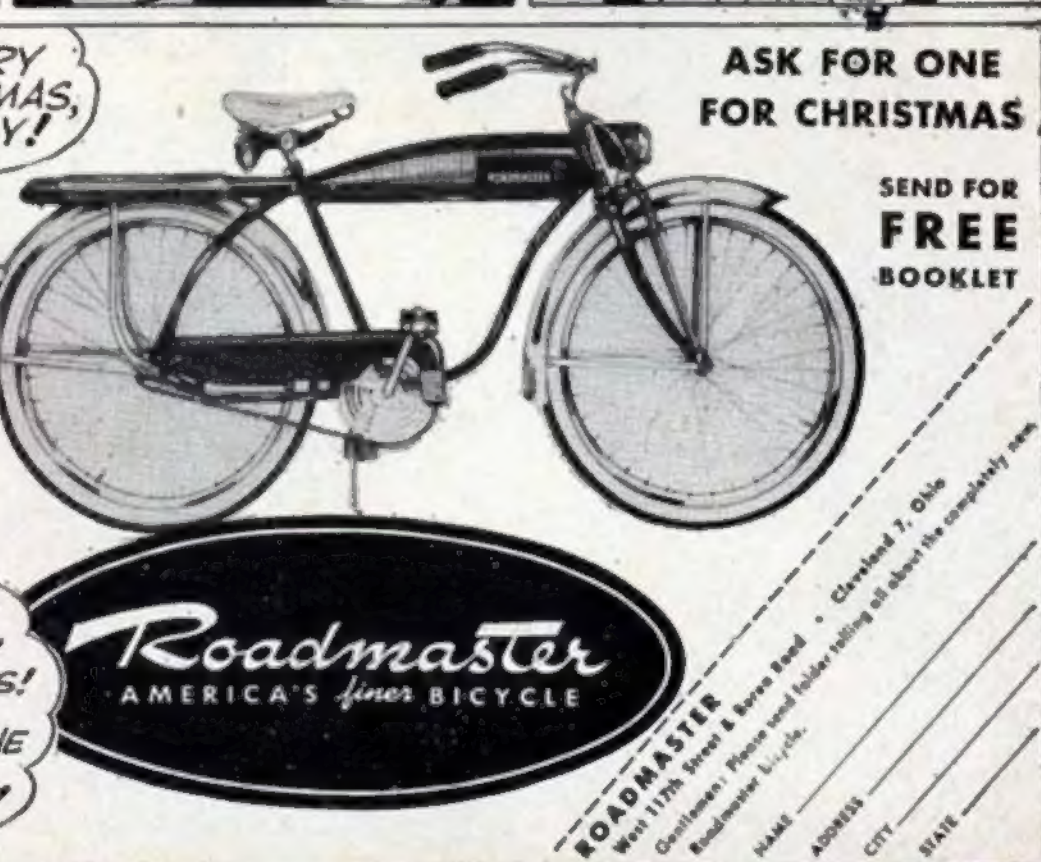
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SOUTH AMERICAN  
ADVENTURE--

**"RIDE,  
BAT-HOMBRE,  
RIDE!"**









# BATMAN

WITH  
**ROBIN**  
- THE BOY WONDER -

***SALUDOS, AMIGOS!***

WHO IS THIS **BAT-HOMBRE**, WHO LASHES OUT WITH A COURAGE AND A DARING EQUALLED ONLY BY HIS NAMESAKE, **BATMAN**?

AND WHAT ARE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** DOING IN THE LAND OF THE GAUCHO AND THE WILDEST BANDITS IN THE WORLD?

FOR HIGH ADVENTURE THEN, COME WITH US, AMIGOS, DOWN SOUTH AMERICAN WAY WHERE THE NATIVES CRY...

***"RIDE, BAT-HOMBRE, RIDE!"***

**KILL HIM!  
KILL THE  
BAT-HOMBRE!**



**BOB KANE**

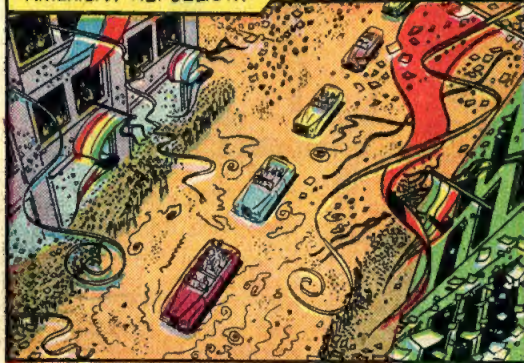
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HIGH FESTIVITY REIGNS, AS ALL GOTHAM CITY WELCOMES THE VISITING PRESIDENT OF MANTEGUA, TINY LATIN-AMERICAN REPUBLIC...



ALL EYES ON HIM, AGED, BELOVED PRESIDENT JOSÉ CAMARAN WARMLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE ROARS OF THE CROWD...



SUCH A WONDERFUL RECEPTION FROM THESE AMERICANS! I'M GLAD I DECIDED TO MAKE THE TRIP NOW—WHO KNOWS, IN MY ILL-HEALTH NEXT YEAR, MIGHT BE TOO LATE...

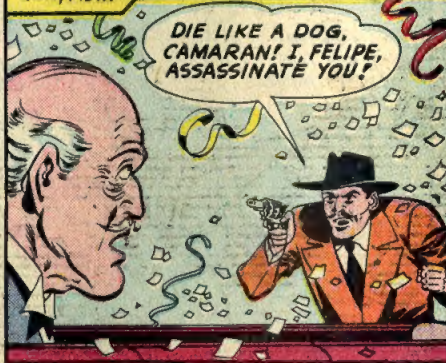
AND, AS THE PROCESSION CONTINUES, IT PASSES THE VANTAGE POINT OF GOTHAM CITY'S FAMOUS CRIME-BUSTERS, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, THE BOY WONDER.



GOSH! WHAT A WELCOME FOR PRESIDENT CAMARAN!

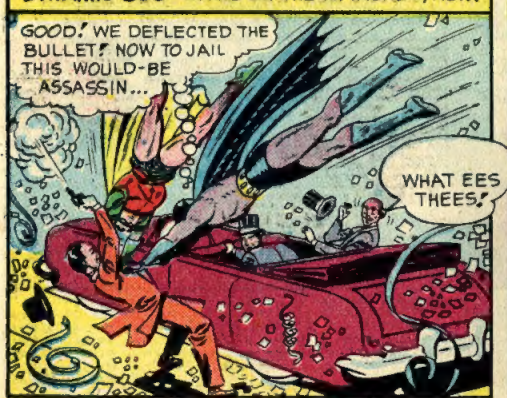
ROBIN! THAT MAN DOWN THERE! HE'S UP TO NO GOOD!

AND, IN THE NEXT MOMENT, THE MAN **BATMAN** HAS BEEN WATCHING SUDDENLY WHIPS OUT A GUN, AS...



DIE LIKE A DOG, CAMARAN! I, FELIPE, ASSASSINATE YOU!

BUT, MOVING WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHT, THE **DYNAMIC DUO** DIVES ON THE ATTACKER, AS...



GOOD! WE DEFLECTED THE BULLET! NOW TO JAIL THIS WOULD-BE ASSASSIN...

WHAT EES THEES?

AND LATER, IN PRESIDENT CAMARAN'S HOTEL SUITE...



I HAVE HEARD MUCH ABOUT YOU, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**. AND NOW, WITH MY OWN EYES, I HAVE SEEN YOUR COURAGE, YOUR DARING, YOUR RESOURCEFULNESS. YOU HAVE MY UNDYING GRATITUDE...

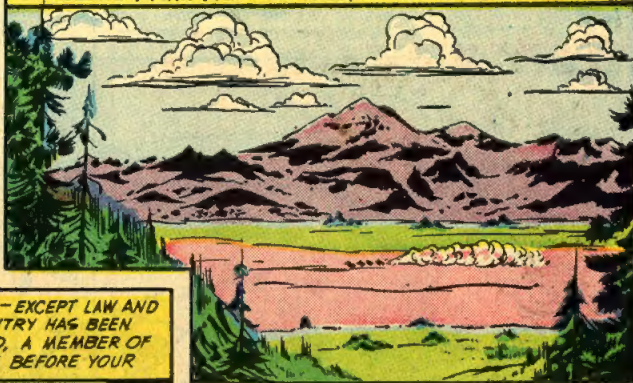
IT WAS AN HONOR TO PROTECT YOU, MR. PRESIDENT!



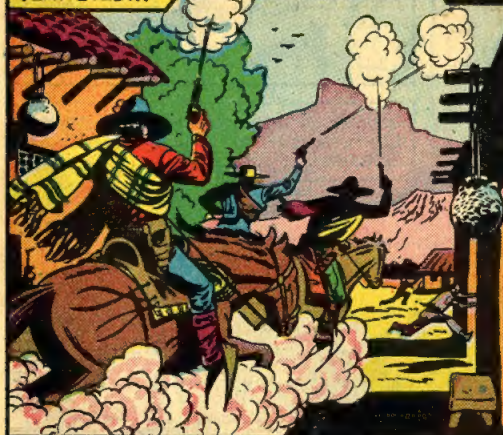
I AM TEMPTED TO ASK OF YOU A GREAT FAVOR, **BATMAN**! BUT FIRST, I WOULD TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THE COUNTRY I RULE...



"IT IS A TINY COUNTRY, **BATMAN**—BUT A BEAUTIFUL ONE—A LAND OF ROLLING PAMPAS AND WILD, MAJESTIC MOUNTAINS..."



"WE LACK FOR NOTHING, **BATMAN**—EXCEPT LAW AND ORDER. FOR YEARS NOW, MY COUNTRY HAS BEEN TERRORIZED BY A CRIMINAL BAND, A MEMBER OF WHICH TRIED TO ASSASSINATE ME BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES..."



"THE LEADER OF THIS BAND IS A RUTHLESS OUTLAW WHO IS KNOWN AS **EL PAPAGAYO** OR, 'THE PARROT'; BECAUSE OF THE PARROT 'TOTO' THAT IS HIS MASCOT..."

HO-HO! PANCHE—YOU HAVE THE LOOT! MAGNIFICO! YOU ARE A REAL AMIGO, PANCHE—REAL AMIGO! YOU ARE LIKE BROTHER TO ME!

GRACIAS, EL PAPAGAYO, GRACIAS!



"**EL PAPAGAYO** IS A DEADLY HOMBRE, **BATMAN**! ONE MOMENT HE CAN BE AS FRIENDLY AS A PUPPY, AND THE NEXT MOMENT HE CAN SHOOT YOU DOWN IN COLD BLOOD!"



SO, PANCHE—YOU WOULD HOLD BACK SOME OF THE LOOT! **DIABLO!** FOR THIS TOTO HAS RULED THAT YOU **DIE!**

KILL HIM! KILL HIM!

"YOU CAN IMAGINE, **BATMAN**, HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR MY COUNTRY TO RID ITSELF OF SUCH A VILLAIN—A MAN WHO LETS THE WHIMS OF A BIRD DECIDE THE FATE OF HIS PRISONERS..."



WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THIS ONE, TOTO? DO WE KILL HIM RIGHT NOW?

YOU ARE LUCKY, BEGGAR! TOTO HAS SPARED YOUR LIFE—FOR THE TIME BEING!

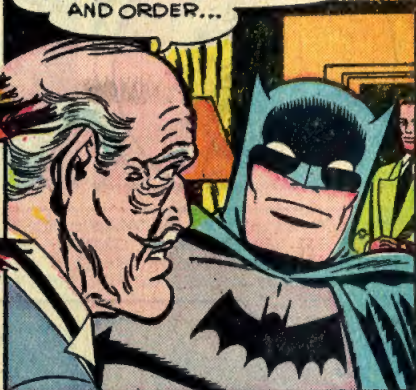
NO—NOT NOW!  
NO—NOT NOW!



"SEEING YOU, **BATMAN**, HAS REVIVED AN OLD DREAM OF MINE—A DREAM THAT YOU WOULD COME DOWN TO MY COUNTRY AND TRAIN SOMEONE TO IMITATE YOU—A **BAT-HOMBRE**, WHO WOULD RID US OF EL PAPA GAYO FOR ALL TIME..."



THAT IS THE FAVOR I WOULD ASK, SENOR **BATMAN**. THAT YOU TRAIN ANOTHER **BATMAN**, WHO WOULD COOPERATE WITH THE POLICE TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER..."



TOUCHED BY THE OLD MAN'S PLEA, **BATMAN** CONFERS BRIEFLY WITH COMMISSIONER GORDON...

I AM AN OLD MAN—I HAVE NOT MUCH LONGER TO LIVE. IN MY TIME I WOULD LIKE TO SEE EL PAPA GAYO BROUGHT TO JUSTICE AND MY COUNTRY DELIVERED FROM HIS BONDAGE...



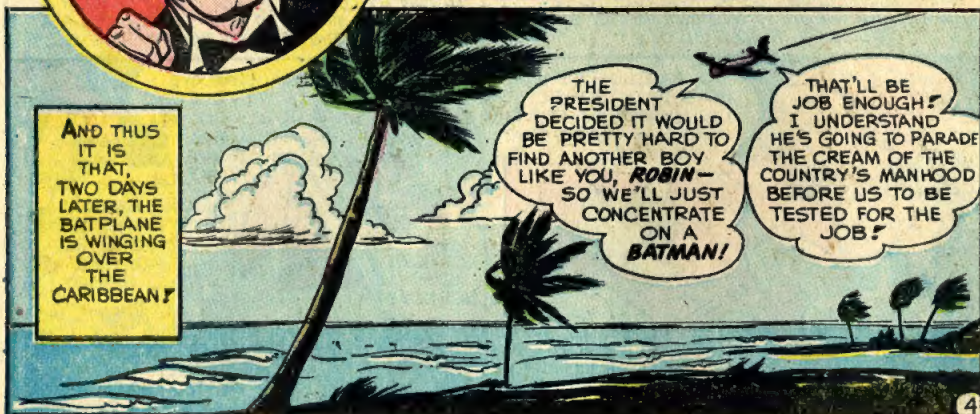
BY ALL MEANS, **BATMAN**, ACCEPT! IT'S PRETTY QUIET HERE RIGHT NOW—WE CAN SPARE YOU... AND YOUR VISIT WOULD BE A WONDERFUL AFFIRMATION OF OUR GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY!



AND THUS IT IS THAT, TWO DAYS LATER, THE BATPLANE IS FLYING OVER THE CARIBBEAN!

THE PRESIDENT DECIDED IT WOULD BE PRETTY HARD TO FIND ANOTHER BOY LIKE YOU, **ROBIN**—SO WE'LL JUST CONCENTRATE ON A **BATMAN**!

THAT'LL BE JOB ENOUGH! I UNDERSTAND HE'S GOING TO PARADE THE CREAM OF THE COUNTRY'S MANHOOD BEFORE US TO BE TESTED FOR THE JOB!





AND, AT THE AIRPORT IN CASANEGRO, CAPITAL CITY OF MANTEGUA...



GOSH—LOOK AT THAT CROWD, **BATMAN!**

**VIVA EL BATMAN E ROBIN!**

IF YOU'LL STEP THIS WAY, SEÑORS— WE HAVE A CAR WAITING...

LATER, AT THE EXECUTIVE MANSION...



TAKE ALL THE TIME YOU WANT, GENTLEMEN. ALL MY FACILITIES ARE AT YOUR DISPOSAL. WHEN YOU ARE READY TO START SCREENING THE APPLICANTS, LET ME KNOW AND WE SHALL BEGIN...



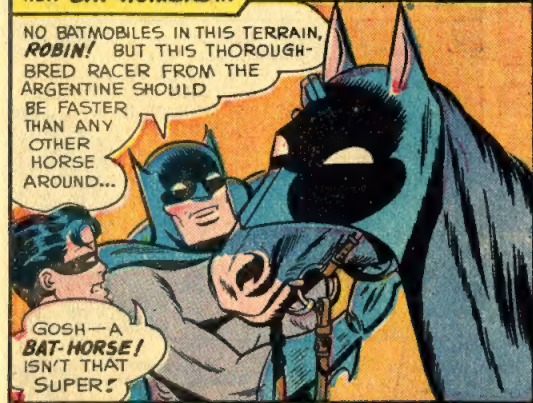
FIRST THING TO DO IS TO FIND A PLACE OF OPERATIONS WHERE OUR FUTURE **BAT-HOMBRE** WILL LIVE...



THIS GROTTO IS PERFECT, **ROBIN**, FOR ANOTHER **BATCAVE!**

YES—IT'S DIRECTLY UNDER AN ABANDONED FARMHOUSE. OUR **BAT-HOMBRE** CAN LIVE THERE...

FOR DAYS, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** SET THE STAGE FOR THE NEW **BAT-HOMBRE**...



NO **BATMOBILES** IN THIS TERRAIN, **ROBIN!** BUT THIS THOROUGH-BRED RACER FROM THE ARGENTINE SHOULD BE FASTER THAN ANY OTHER HORSE AROUND...

GOSH—A **BAT-HORSE!** ISN'T THAT SUPER?

THEN, THE FIRST COMPLICATION ARISES, WHEN PRESIDENT CAMARAN THROWS OPEN HIS COLLECTION OF WEAPONS FOR THE FUTURE **BAT-HOMBRE'S** USE...



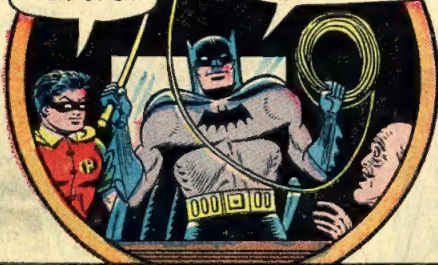
NO, MR. PRESIDENT—WE CAN'T ACCEPT ANY OF THESE WEAPONS. **BATMAN NEVER FIRES A GUN OR USES A KNIFE!**

BUT—EL PAPAGAYO AND HIS MEN ARE RUTHLESS KILLERS! HOW COULD ONE FIGHT THEM WITHOUT WEAPONS LIKE THESE?



WE HAVE RUTHLESS KILLERS IN *OUR* COUNTRY, TOO, MR. PRESIDENT—AND WE'VE MANAGED WITH OUR OWN WEAPONS...

YES—AND INSTEAD OF OUR *SILKEN CORD*, THE *BAT-HOMBRE* WILL USE THIS *WHIP*! WATCH—I'LL DEMONSTRATE...

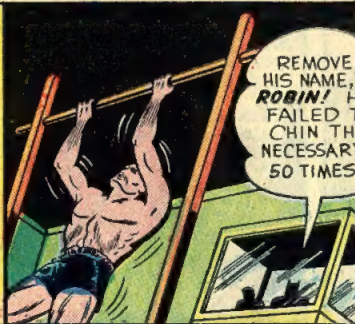


AND, AS THE WHIP'S END SNAKES AROUND THE BRANCH OF A TREE...



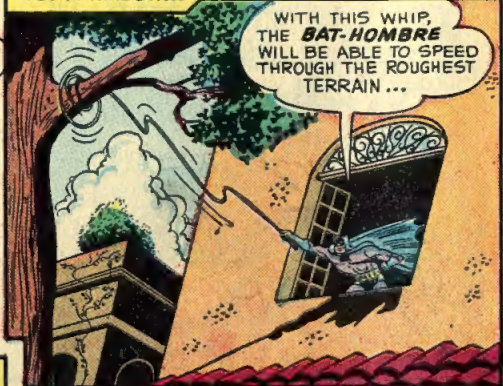
AMAZING...AMAZING!

AND AS APPLICANT AFTER APPLICANT DISPLAYS HIS ATHLETIC PROWESS BEFORE THE CRITICAL EYES OF *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN*...



REMOVE HIS NAME, TOO, *ROBIN*! HE'S FAILED TO CHIN THE NECESSARY 50 TIMES...

QUICKLY, THE VAUNTED *LAWMAN* LASHES THE WHIP OUT A WINDOW...



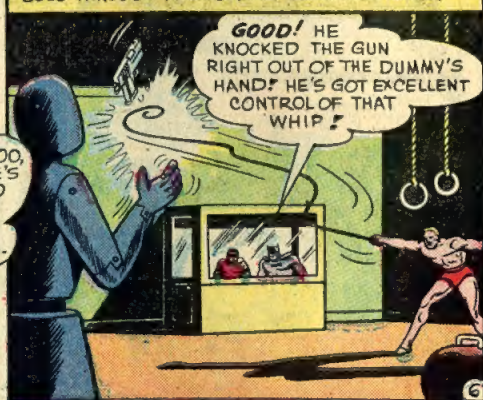
WITH THIS WHIP, THE *BAT-HOMBRE* WILL BE ABLE TO SPEED THROUGH THE ROUGHEST TERRAIN...

LATER, HAVING SECURED ALL THE *BAT-HOMBRE'S* EQUIPMENT, *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN* ARE READY TO INTERVIEW APPLICANTS...



WE'LL TAKE THEM ONE AT A TIME, AND WEED OUT THE ATHLETICALLY UNFIT FIRST IN A SERIES OF ACROBATIC EXERCISES...

FOR DAYS, THE CREAM OF MANTEGUA'S MANHOOD GOES THROUGH A GRUELING EXAMINATION...



*GOOD!* HE KNOCKED THE GUN RIGHT OUT OF THE DUMMY'S HAND! HE'S GOT EXCELLENT CONTROL OF THAT WHIP!



BUT, AS TIME PASSES, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARE FACED WITH WHAT SEEMS A HOPELESS TASK...

SCORES OF APPLICANTS—AND NOT ONE GOOD ENOUGH TO BE **BAT-HOMBRE!** IF ONE IS AN ATHLETE, IT TURNS OUT HE'S NO DETECTIVE! AND IF ONE IS A DETECTIVE, IT TURNS OUT HE'S NO ATHLETE!

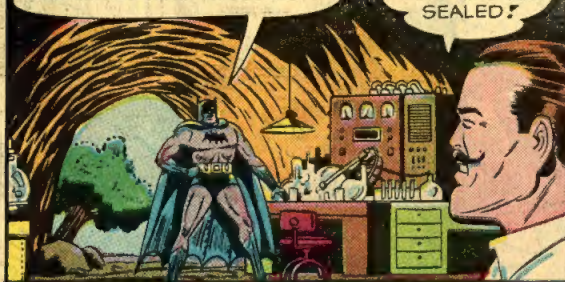
THIS WILL BREAK PRESIDENT CAMARAN'S HEART! THERE MUST BE **SOMEONE** WHO CAN QUALIFY—COME ON, **ROBIN**, WE'VE A FEW NAMES LEFT...



LATER, **BATMAN** CONGRATULATES THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE, A PLEASANT YOUNG MAN NAMED **LUIS PERALDA**, IN THE GROTTO THAT IS TO BE HIS FUTURE **BATCAVE!**

NICE GOING, **LUIS!** NOW YOU'RE READY FOR SPECIAL TRAINING—AND TO LEARN THE SECRETS OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN!** BE HERE EARLY TOMORROW, WHEN WE'LL BEGIN... AND, OF COURSE, YOU MUST PLEDGE YOURSELF TO SECRECY!

NO WORRY, SEÑORS! I AM AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MY JOB! **LUIS LIPS ARE SEALED!**



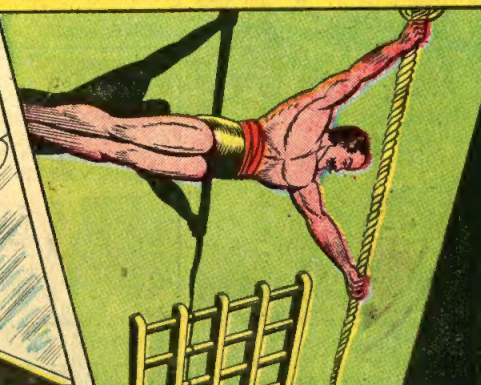
BUT, THAT EVENING...

HELLO, PEDRO! THIS IS **LUIS!** I FOOLED THE **BATMAN!** I GOT THE JOB!

**BUENO!** EL PAPAGAYO WILL BE IMMEDIATELY INFORMED! HE WILL REWARD YOU HANDSOMELY, **LUIS!**

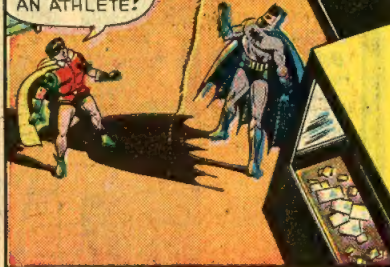


THEN, DESPAIR TURNS TO ELATION, AS ONE OF THE LAST APPLICANTS PASSES ALL TESTS WITH FLYING COLORS!



HE PASSED EVERY OTHER TEST WITH EXCELLENT RATINGS—AND NOW HE'S PROVING HIS ABILITY AS AN ATHLETE!

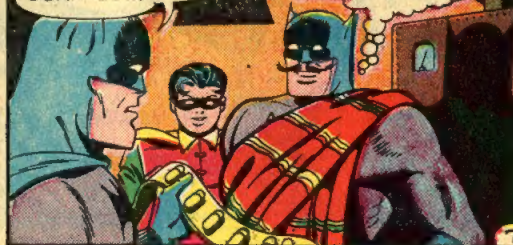
LOOKS LIKE WE'VE FOUND OUR MAN, **ROBIN!**



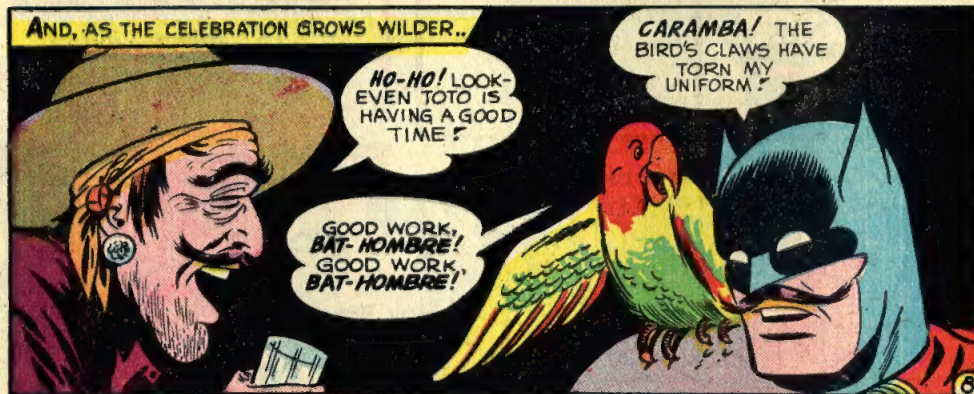
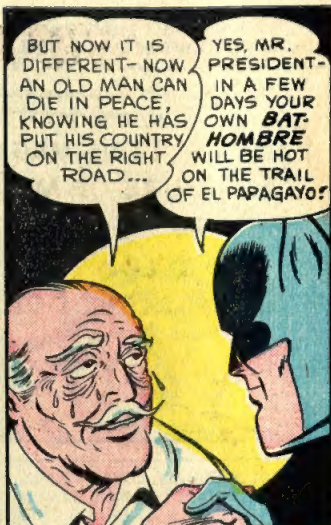
AND, THE NEXT MORNING, THE TRAITOROUS **LUIS** BEGINS HIS SECRET TRAINING AS **BAT-HOMBRE** UNDER THE UNSUSPECTING EYES OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN!**

THIS IS THE UTILITY BELT. YOU WILL FIND IT EXCEEDINGLY HANDY TO PULL YOU OUT OF SCRAPES...

HA-HA! AFTER YOU'VE EXPLAINED IT TO ME, **BATMAN**, I'LL USE IT AGAINST YOU, FOR **CRIME!**









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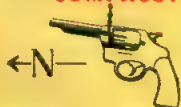


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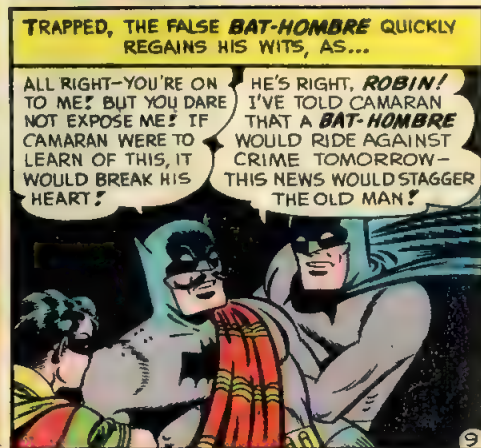
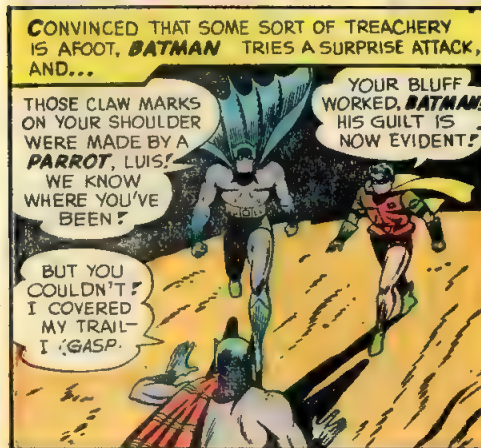
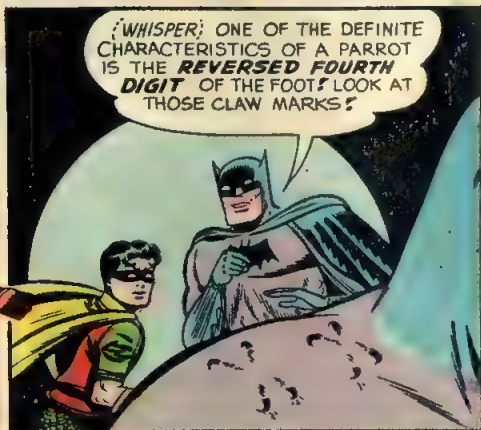
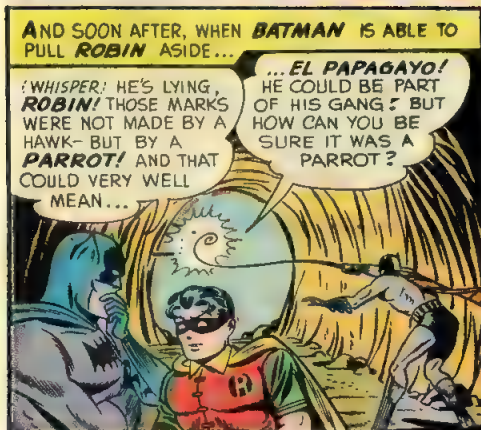
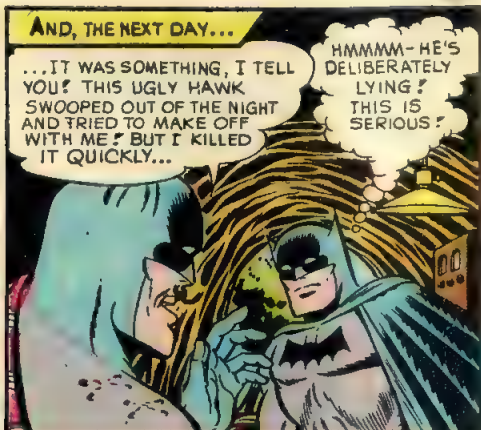
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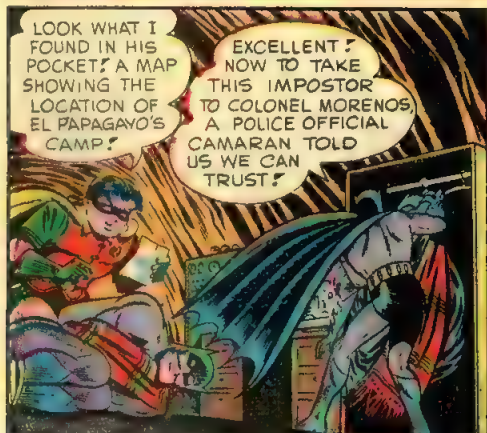
LET'S FACE IT, **BATMAN!** LUIS WAS THE CLOSEST REPLACEMENT TO A **BATMAN** WE COULD FIND- AND NOW HE'S OUT! THERE JUST ISN'T A **ANOTHER BATMAN ANYWHERE!**

BUT WE CAN'T LET CAMARAN DISCOVER THAT! WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!



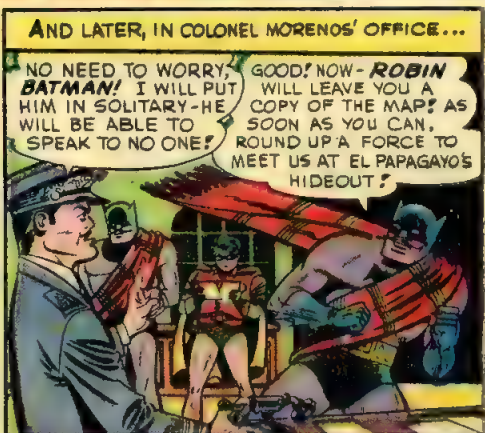
HIS BRILLIANT MIND RACING, **BATMAN** SUDDENLY MAKES HIS DECISION!

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY, **ROBIN!** WE'LL KEEP LUIS ON ICE, WHERE HE CAN'T REACH CAMARAN - AND I'LL TAKE OVER AS **BAT-HOMBRE!**



LOOK WHAT I FOUND IN HIS POCKET! A MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF EL PAPAGAYO'S CAMP!

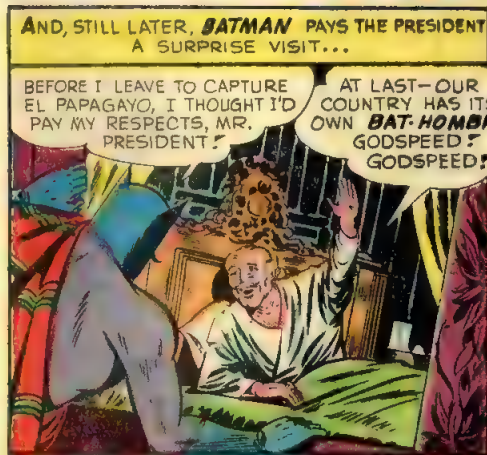
EXCELLENT! NOW TO TAKE THIS IMPOSTOR TO COLONEL MORENOS, A POLICE OFFICIAL CAMARAN TOLD US WE CAN TRUST!



AND LATER, IN COLONEL MORENOS' OFFICE...

NO NEED TO WORRY, **BATMAN!** I WILL PUT HIM IN SOLITARY-HE WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO NO ONE!

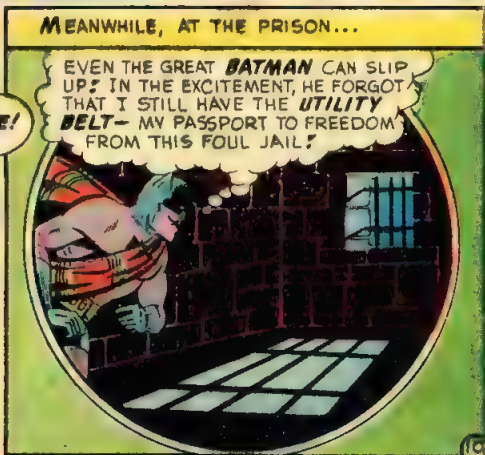
GOOD! NOW - **ROBIN** WILL LEAVE YOU A COPY OF THE MAP! AS SOON AS YOU CAN, ROUND UP A FORCE TO MEET US AT EL PAPAGAYO'S HIDEOUT!



AND, STILL LATER, **BATMAN** PAYS THE PRESIDENT A SURPRISE VISIT...

BEFORE I LEAVE TO CAPTURE EL PAPAGAYO, I THOUGHT I'D PAY MY RESPECTS, MR. PRESIDENT!

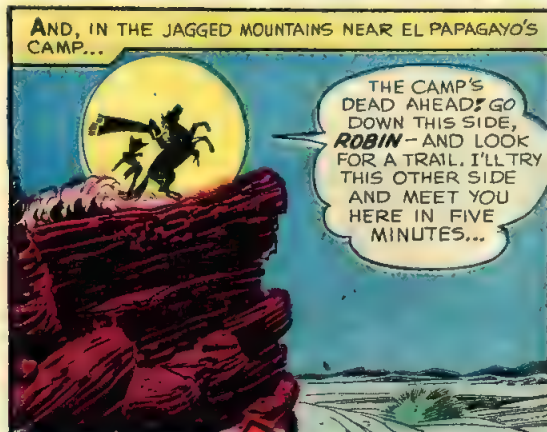
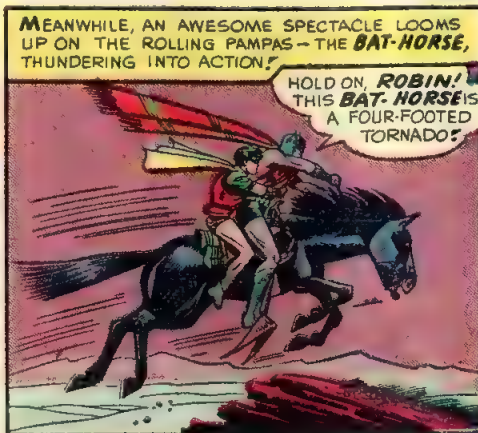
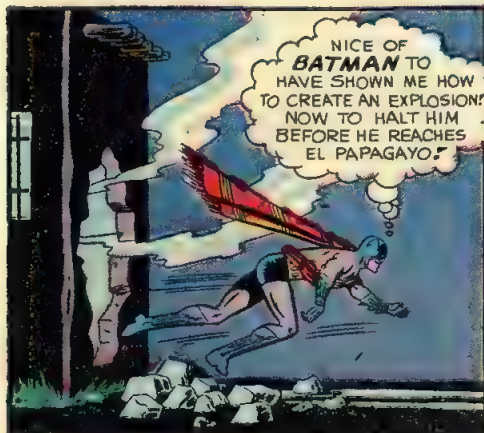
AT LAST-OUR COUNTRY HAS ITS OWN **BAT-HOMBRE!** GODSPEED! GODSPEED!



MEANWHILE, AT THE PRISON...

EVEN THE GREAT **BATMAN** CAN SLIP UP! IN THE EXCITEMENT, HE FORGOT THAT I STILL HAVE THE **UTILITY BELT**- MY PASSPORT TO FREEDOM FROM THIS FOUL JAIL!







ONCE AGAIN, DEADLY SILENCE GRIPS THE AIR. THEN, AS **ROBIN** BRACES...

HE'S COMING!  
WHOEVER IT IS—  
HE'S COMING!



THEN SUDDENLY, THE FREEZING SUSPENSE IS SHATTERED AS...

WELL, **ROBIN**—WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING?  
WAITING FOR A STREET-CAR?

OH, **BATMAN**—IT'S  
*YOU*! PHEW—  
WAS I WORRIED!



THEN, WITHOUT WARNING, A SWARM OF BANDITS LEAPS OUT TO SURPRISE AND CAPTURE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

THROW THEM UNDER  
GUARD UNTIL EL  
PAPAGAYO  
RETURNS!

EL PAPAGAYO'S MEN!  
THE NOISE OF THE  
FIGHT MUST HAVE  
BROUGHT THEM!



LATER, IN THE TENT WHERE THEY ARE HELD PRISONER...

A FINE  
MESS WE'VE  
MADE OF  
THINGS!

WAIT! THESE BERRIES—  
AND THIS CURARE BARK  
GIVE ME AN IDEA!



AND, PRESENTLY, WHEN THE **DYNAMIC DUO** IS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BANDIT CHIEFTAIN...

**HAH!** THIS FOREIGNER,  
**BATMAN**, WOULD MEDDLE  
IN MY AFFAIRS? **HERE!**  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

JUST  
FEEDING  
YOUR PARROT  
SOME BERRIES,  
EL PAPAGAYO.  
I'M VERY FOND  
OF PARROTS!

THE NERVE  
OF HIM!  
TRYING  
TO BRIBE  
THE PARROT!



THEN, EL PAPAGAYO ASKS TOTO TO PASS SENTENCE UPON **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

KILL THEM! GIVE THEM  
WHIPS—MAKE THEM  
BEAT THEMSELVES TO  
DEATH WITH THE WHIPS!

**TERRIFICO**, TOTO,  
**TERRIFICO**! YOU HAVE  
GREAT IMAGINATION!  
**QUICKLY, CARLOS**—  
BRING WHIPS!







MOMENTS LATER...

GO ON!  
START WHIPPING  
EACH OTHER!

WHISPER:  
READY, **ROBIN!**  
FOLLOW MY  
LEAD!

SUDDENLY, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** LASH OUT WITH THEIR WHIPS - BUT IN A MANNER TO SURPRISE COMPLETELY **EL PAPAGAYO** AND HIS MEN!

QUICKLY,  
**ROBIN** - UP  
INTO THE  
TREE!

**CARAMBA!**  
SEIZE  
THEM!

OKAY, **LOUIE** -  
DROP THE  
GUN!

THEN, COILING THEIR WHIPS AROUND THE BRANCHES OF ANOTHER TREE, THE AMAZING LAWMEN LITERALLY BOWL THEIR OPPONENTS OVER, AS...

NICE TO HAVE BUMPED  
INTO YOU AGAIN,  
**EL PAPAGAYO!**

LOOK!  
**COLONEL MORENOS**  
AND A  
POSSE!

THE COMPLETELY-DISORGANIZED BANDITS ARE NO MATCH FOR **MORENOS** AND HIS MEN, AND IN A FEW MOMENTS ALL ARE CAPTURED!

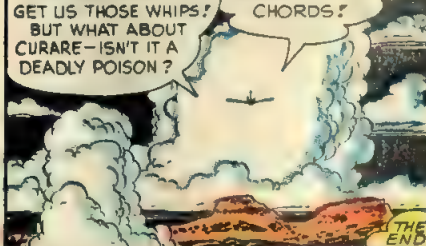
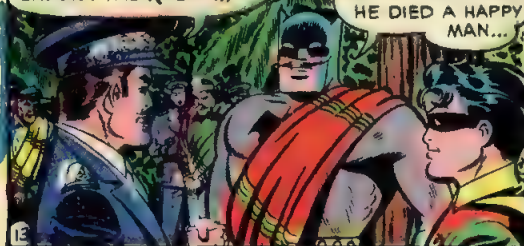
JUST BEFORE WE LEFT **CASANEGRO**, WE HEARD THAT **PRESIDENT CAMARON** HAD DIED - BUT WITH A SMILE ON HIS LIPS... THANKS TO YOU, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**...

HIS DEATH WAS INEVITABLE, I SUPPOSE. **ROBIN** AND I CAN TAKE SOLACE IN THE FACT THAT HE DIED A HAPPY MAN...

AND NEXT DAY, WINGING HOMEWARD IN THE **BATPLANE**...

THAT WAS A NEAT TRICK, **BATMAN** - FEEDING THE PARROT THOSE CURARE-DOSED BERRIES AND THEN IMITATING ITS VOICE TO GET US THOSE WHIPS! BUT WHAT ABOUT CURARE - ISN'T IT A DEADLY POISON?

IT IS - EXCEPT WHEN USED IN CAREFUL, MINUTE DOSES. THEN IT HAS A PARALYTIC EFFECT, AND IN THIS CASE PARALYZED THE BIRD'S VOCAL CHORDS!



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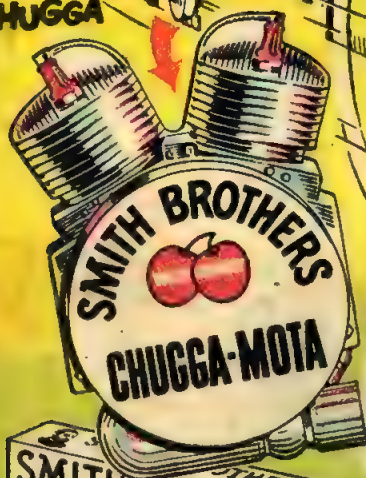
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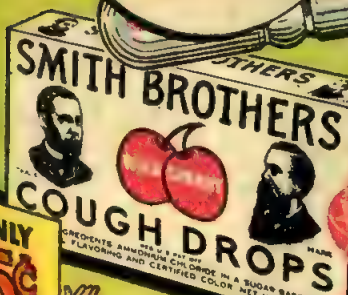
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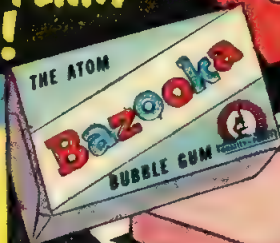
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# BATMAN

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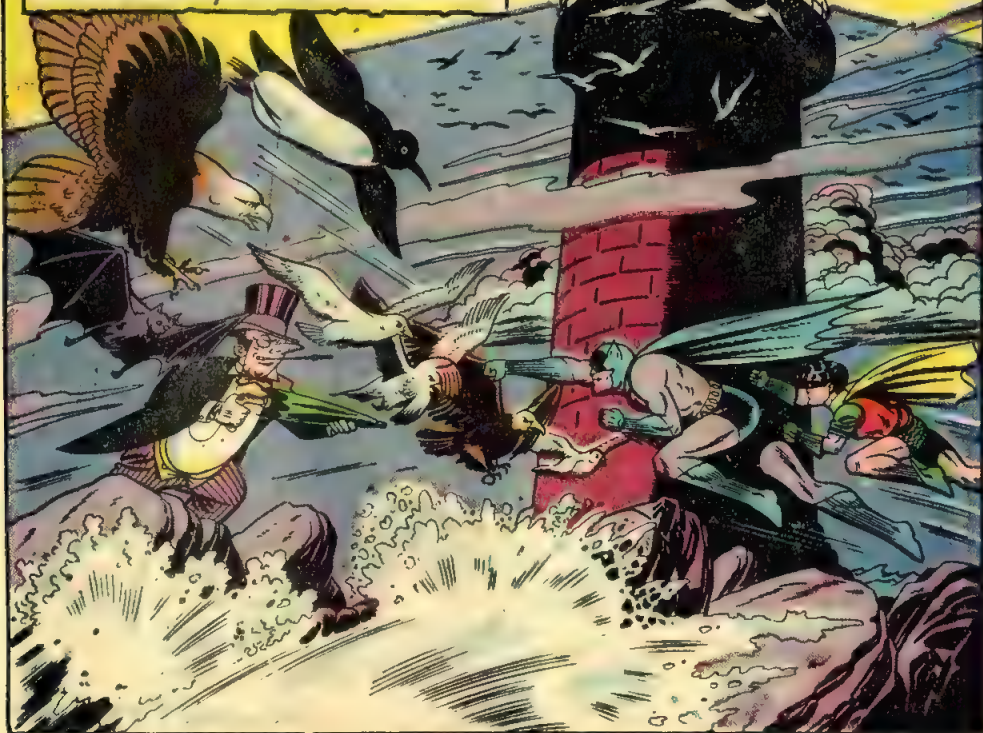
## ROBIN

-THE BOY WONDER-

*He's Back*--THAT DROLL LITTLE MAN OF A THOUSAND UMBRELLAS, ALL OF THEM DANGEROUS... THAT AMAZING UNDERWORLDLING WHO MAKES HENCHMEN OUT OF BIRDS, BOMBS OUT OF EGGS, AND FOOLS OUT OF MANY PEOPLE--IN SHORT, THE PLOTTING, PILFERING, PLUNDERING **PENGUIN!** BACK FROM THE BIG HOUSE--WITH NOVEL AND NEFARIOUS NOTIONS FOR ELUDING THE LAW, A QUARTER MILLION-DOLLAR PRIZE TO STRIVE FOR, AND A FANTASTIC CRIME PROGRAM THAT DRAWS **BATMAN AND ROBIN** INTO ONE OF THE STRANGEST CASES OF THEIR ADVENTUROUS CAREER..

*"The RIDDLE of the SEVEN BIRDS!"*

BOB KANE

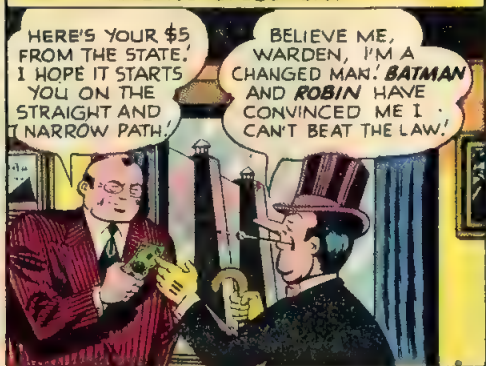




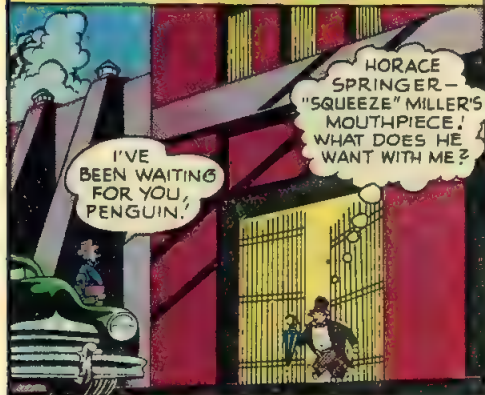
AS "SQUEEZE" MILLER WALKS THE LAST MILE TO THE GOTHAM PENITENTIARY DEATH-HOUSE...



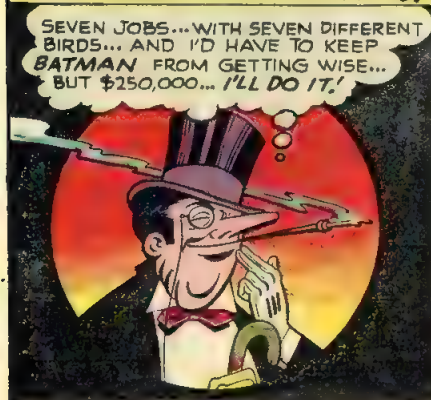
A STRANGE COINCIDENCE--THE PENGUIN'S SENTENCE ENDS ON THE SAME DAY AS "SQUEEZE" MILLER'S EXECUTION!



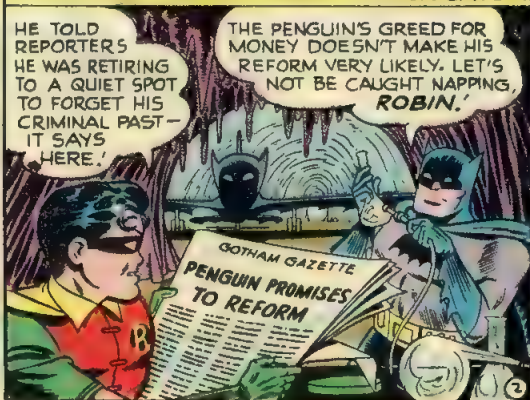
OUTSIDE THE PRISON WALLS...



THE CONDITIONS ARE STRANGE--THE PENGUIN HESITATES--THEN *CONSENTS*!



MEANWHILE, BATMAN AND ROBIN WONDER IF THE PENGUIN HAS REALLY REFORMED, IN THE BATCAVE...

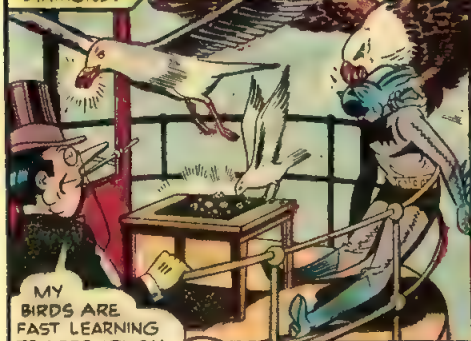




THE "QUIET SPOT"... THE NEW PENGUIN ROOST!



IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, THE PENGUIN'S BIRDS ARE BUSY! AN EAGLE CLAWS AT A DUMMY OF BATMAN! A SEAGULL SNATCHES AN IMITATION DIAMOND!

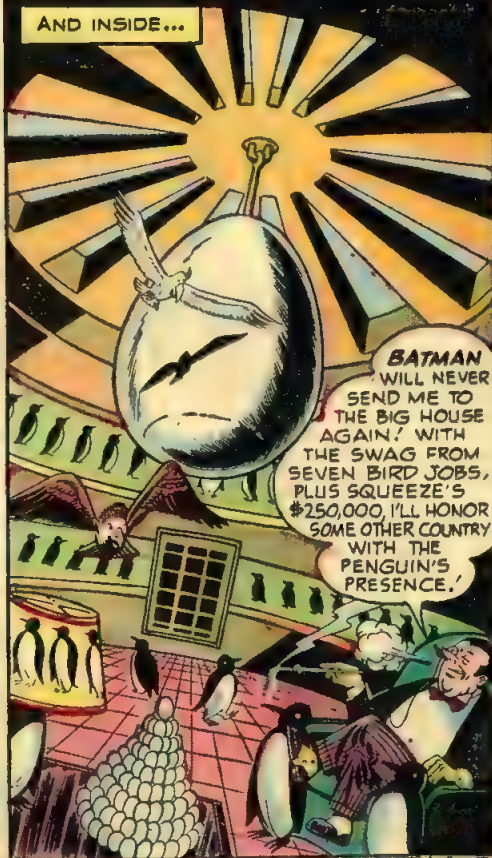


MY BIRDS ARE FAST LEARNING TO ACCOMPLISH THE SEVEN THINGS IT WILL TAKE TO MAKE ME RICH!

AND WITH MY TRICK UMBRELLAS TO THWART BATMAN'S FISTS... MY PENGUIN ROCKET PLANE TO PLAY TAG WITH HIS BATPLANE... MY EGG BOMBS ...AND MY SUPERIOR BRAIN... HOW CAN I LOSE?



AND INSIDE...



BATMAN WILL NEVER SEND ME TO THE BIG HOUSE AGAIN! WITH THE SWAG FROM SEVEN BIRD JOBS, PLUS SQUEEZE'S \$250,000, I'LL HONOR SOME OTHER COUNTRY WITH THE PENGUIN'S PRESENCE!

CONFIDENTLY, THE PENGUIN PREPARES TO CARRY OUT THE FIRST PROVISION OF "SQUEEZE" MILLER'S WILL WITH THE AID OF - A PELICAN!

THE FIRST OF THE SEVEN BIRDS--AND THE PERFECT ONE FOR THE PERFECT CRIME I'M PLANNING!





PRESENTLY, IN THE CHINESE ROOM OF GOTHAM MUSEUM...

NOT A GUARD IN SIGHT,  
AND AT THIS TIME OF  
MORNING THE MUSEUM'S  
NEARLY EMPTY!  
I'M IN LUCK!

SNAP!

FROM THE INTERIOR OF HIS CAPACIOUS  
UMBRELLA, THE PENGUIN PRODUCES SMALL  
FISH, WHICH HE PLACES UPON THE MOST  
VALUABLE PIECES OF JADE...

NOW TO RELEASE MY FISH-LOVING  
PELICAN, AND SHOW AN EMPTY  
SATCHEL TO THE GUARD AT  
THE DOOR AS I PASS OUT...

MINUTES LATER...

WHERE'D  
THAT  
THING  
COME FROM...  
WHAT?

HEY!  
SOMEBODY  
STOLE THE  
MING  
JADES!

BACK AT PENGUIN ROOST...

PERFECT CRIME NUMBER ONE!  
NOW FOR NUMBER TWO--  
WITH EAGLES!

PELICAN'S... EAGLES... WHAT KIND OF WILL DID  
"SQUEEZE" MILLER WRITE?

AS  
BRUCE WAYNE  
WEALTHY MAN-ABOUT-  
TOWN, AND HIS YOUNG  
WARD, DICK  
GRAYSON, STROLL  
ABOUT A  
FRIEND'S  
CHINCHILLA  
RANCH NEXT  
DAY...

I'M STILL  
WONDERING WHETHER  
THERE WAS ANY CONNECTION  
BETWEEN THE THEFT OF  
THE MING JADE AND  
THAT, PELICAN!

HOW  
COULD THERE  
BE?... LOOK,  
BRUCE--  
EAGLES--A LOT  
OF THEM! AND  
THEY'RE ALL  
HEADED  
THIS WAY!



FOR A SPLIT SECOND, THE COMPANIONS ARE HELD SPELLBOUND BY AN AMAZING SPECTACLE! THEN...

BRUCE! THE EAGLES! THEY'RE KILLING ANIMALS WORTH A FORTUNE!

NO, DICK--CARRYING THEM AWAY ALIVE! THE EAGLES' TALONS HAVE BEEN CLIPPED! COME ON--**BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** MAY BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING!

A LIGHTNING TRANSFORMATION... AND **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** LAUNCH A DESPERATE, DANGEROUS COUNTER-ATTACK!

THEY'RE ALL FLYING EXACTLY THE SAME COURSE, AS IF FOLLOWING A BEAM-- AND PASSING SO CLOSE TO THE MAST WE OUGHT TO GRAB SOME TAIL FEATHERS, AT LEAST!

EVEN IF WE ONLY SCARE THE OTHERS OFF, IT WILL SAVE A LOT OF MONEY AND WORRY!

KEEP CLEAR OF THOSE WIRES! THEY'RE LIVE!

HERE COMES ONE! SWING HARD--AND DON'T LET GO!

NICE CATCH!

FUN, TOO! WE SHOULD DO IT MORE OFTEN!

SUDDENLY...TWIN FURIES, WHOSE TALONS HAVE **NOT** BEEN CLIPPED, STRIKE WITH TERRIFIC FORCE!

OW! IT ISN'T FUN ANY MORE, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

GREAT SCOTT--THEY'RE GIANT EAGLES, TRAINED TO ATTACK MEN! AND I CAN'T LET GO OF YOU TO FIGHT THEM!



HELPLESS, AND IN AGONY FROM THE RAKING CLAWS AND STABBING BEAKS, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS TAKE A DESPERATE CHANCE...

I CAN USE ONE HAND! SWING UP TOWARD THE CABLES, AND IF I CAN KNOCK THIS FLYING TIGER AWAY FROM ME--

ALL RIGHT, WE CAN'T STAND THIS FOR LONG! JUST REMEMBER, IF YOU'RE TOUCHING THE BIRD, WE'LL ALL BE GONERS!

THRUSTING MIGHTILY, **ROBIN** STARTLES HIS TORMENTOR INTO RETREAT--AND AS THE GREAT BIRD'S PINIONS BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN TWO CABLES...

HE'S FINISHED--BUT HE CAME NEAR FINISHING US!

AND YOU'VE SCARED THE OTHER ONE AWAY, THANK GOODNESS!

IN THE **BATCAVE**, AFTER THE BATTLE...

NOW I'M WILLING TO BELIEVE THAT PELICAN HAD A PART IN THE JADE ROBBERY, **BATMAN**, AND SOME HUMAN BRAIN MUST BE DIRECTING THESE BIRDS IN CRIME, WHOSE?

I'M NOT SAYING WHOSE, BUT I THINK WE BOTH CAN GUESS!

NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, THE DYNAMIC DUO PROWL LIKE A PAIR OF HUNTING PANTHERS--AND ONE DARK NIGHT...

A SWANK LAWN PARTY--AND A PRETTY GIRL STARTING TO CUT THE BIGGEST CAKE I EVER SAW!

THAT'S SHEILA VAN SVELT'S BIRTHDAY PARTY! THE GUESTS WILL BE LOADED DOWN WITH JEWELS!

AS THE ENORMOUS CAKE IS CUT OPEN...

BATS! OH-H-H!

LIGHTS OUT, NIPPER! CUT THOSE WIRES!

I'M GOING TO FAINT!



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WHILE FRIGHTENED WOMEN AND CONFUSED MEN MILL IN THE DARKNESS, NIMBLE FIGURES DART AMONG THEM—AND NIMBLER ONES SWING IN!

A HIT-AND-RUN SNATCH JOB—WITH BATS TO START THE CONFUSION!

MY PEARLS!



IF IT ISN'T LANCE LINTON, THE SOCIETY JEWEL THIEF, WITH SOME HOT JEWELRY! THIS OUGHT TO COOL YOU OFF!

YOU FORGOT TO BOW TO YOUR HOSTESS, RAT! DO IT NOW.



ANOTHER LURKER IN THE SHRUBBERY, BEING DISCOVERED, PROCEEDS TO MAKE HIMSELF INVISIBLE!

BATMAN! HERE'S SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T BELONG!

THE BATS DID THEIR JOB PERFECTLY, BUT—I'VE BEEN SPOTTED! THIS FOG-SCREEN WILL KEEP ME FROM BEING RECOGNIZED!

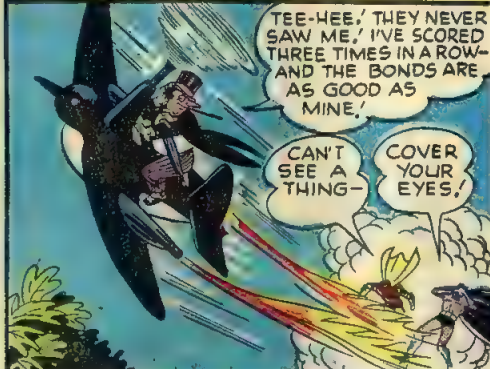


THE FIGHTING PAIR GROPE BLINDLY THROUGH THE PENGUIN-CREATED HAZE WITH THIS RESULT...

TEE-HEE, THEY NEVER SAW ME, I'VE SCORED THREE TIMES IN A ROW—AND THE BONDS ARE AS GOOD AS MINE!

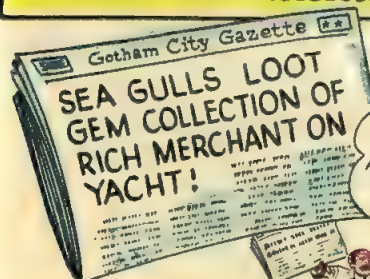
CAN'T SEE A THING—

COVER YOUR EYES!



OTHER BIRD CRIMES, EVERY BIT AS INCREDIBLE, FOLLOW IN SWIFT SUCCESSION...

A HOSPITAL PHYSICIAN ACCEPTS AN ANONYMOUS GIFT OF A PAIR OF RARE UMBRELLA BIRDS FROM THE GUIANAS—TO HIS SORROW!



WUXTREE! READ ABOUT THE ROBBER BIRDS!

STOP THEM! THEY GOT OUT OF THEIR CAGE AND PICKED UP RADIUM WORTH HALF A MILLION!



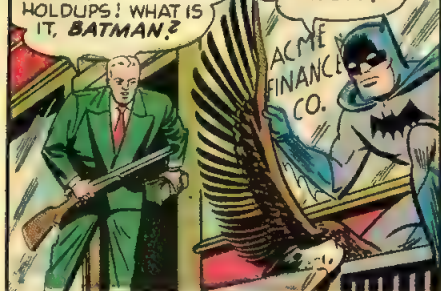


## ONE HUGE BIRD IS SHOT...

IT FLEW IN AND GRABBED THE BIGGEST BUNDLE OF CASH IN SIGHT! LUCKY I HAD THIS SHOTGUN HANDY, IN CASE OF HOLDUPS! WHAT IS IT, **BATMAN**?

AN INDIA VULTURE - BIGGER AND STRONGER THAN THE AMERICAN VARIETY!

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ALWAYS THERE IS A PATTERN, INTENTIONAL OR ACCIDENTAL, TO SUCH A FANTASTIC SERIES OF CRIMES - AND **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** SEEK IT.

HMM... THAT UMBRELLA BIRD **MIGHT** BE A CLUE TO A CERTAIN SOMEBODY WHO IS FOND OF UMBRELLAS...

I'VE FOUND IT, **BATMAN**! THIS BAT, STUNNED AT THE BIRTHDAY PARTY, AND DIFFERENT THAN THE ONES AROUND HERE, IS A **NOCTULE** BAT. IT'S FOUND IN MEXICO!



THAT DOES IT, **ROBIN**! FOR SOME IDIOTIC REASON, THE MAN BEHIND THESE CRIMES HAS ACTUALLY TOLD US HIS NAME!

I DON'T GET IT!



## **BATMAN** WRITES AND STEPS ASIDE, REVEALING...

**PENGUIN**-- ALL BUT THE LAST LETTER! HE'S SIGNING HIS CRIMES! BUT WHY?

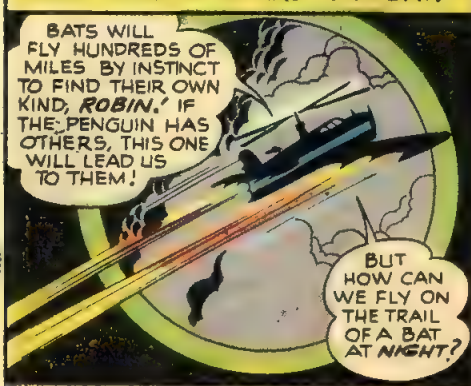
WE'LL FIND OUT WHEN WE'VE FOUND HIM-- AND I KNOW HOW! WARM UP THE **BATPLANE** WHILE I DO A COUPLE OF THINGS.

PELICAN	EAGLE
BAT	NOCTULE BAT
SEAGULL	GULL
UMBRELLA BIRD	UMBRELLA BIRD
INDIA VULTURE	INDIA VULTURE



THRUST FORWARD BY SUPER-JETS, THE ONE AND ONLY **BATPLANE** RACES ACROSS THE SKIES-- CARRYING THIS TIME A **LIVE BAT**!

BATS WILL FLY HUNDREDS OF MILES BY INSTINCT TO FIND THEIR OWN KIND, **ROBIN**! IF THE **PENGUIN** HAS OTHERS, THIS ONE WILL LEAD US TO THEM!



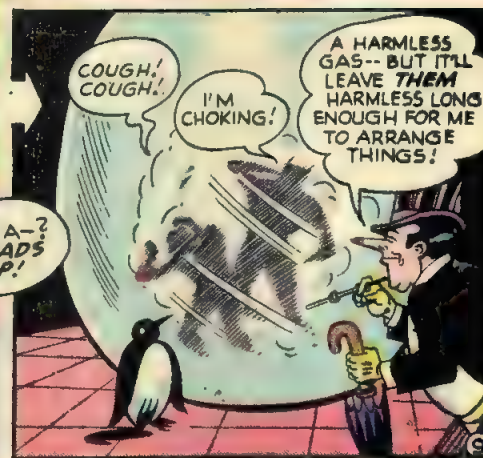
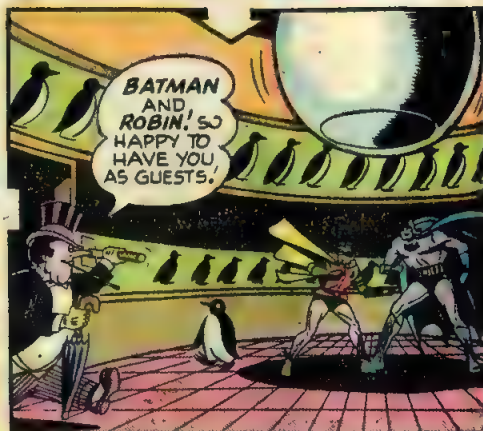
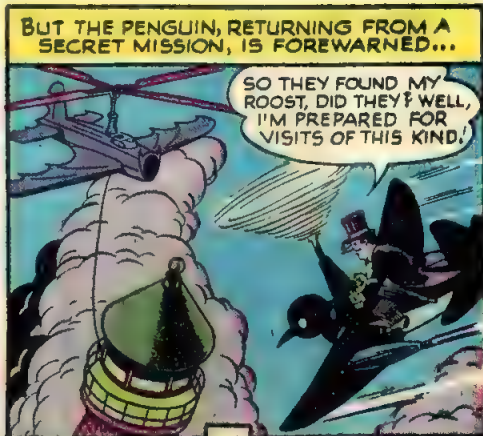
BUT HOW CAN WE FLY ON THE TRAIL OF A BAT AT NIGHT?

EVER HAVE ANY TROUBLE SEEING A FIREFLY AT NIGHT, AS LONG AS HE KEPT LIT UP?

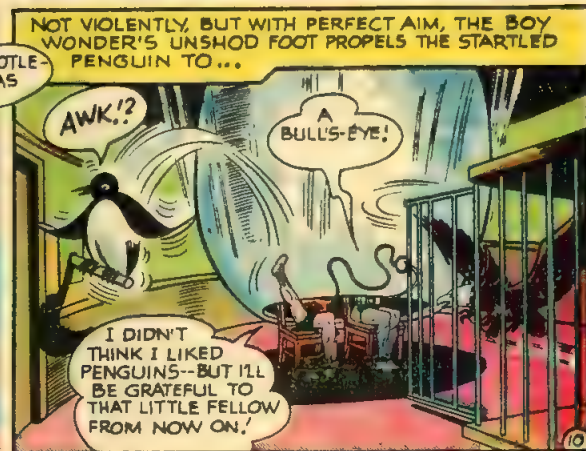
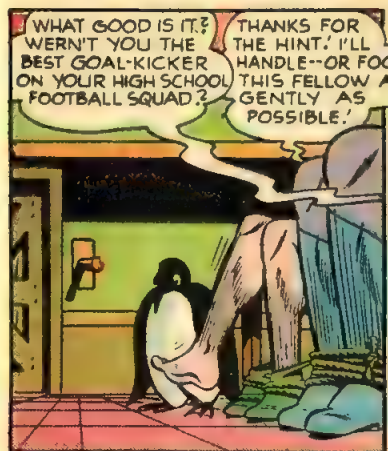
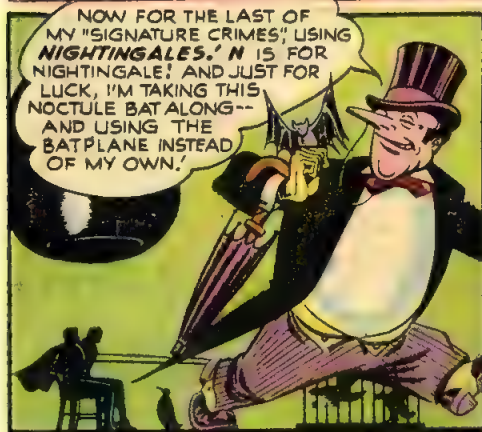
GREAT! YOU GAVE HIM A COAT OF THAT NEW PHOSPHORESCENT PAINT WE DEVELOPED IN THE LABORATORY!













HITCHING THEIR CHAIRS BACK TO BACK, THE PRISONERS WORK ON ONE ANOTHER'S BONDS WITH A KNOW-HOW BORN OF LONG PRACTICE...

IF WE CAN MAKE IT, I CAN GUESS WHERE THE PENGUIN'S HEADING--AND HE SAID HE HAD A PLANE!

WE CAN MAKE IT! THE KNOTS ARE LOOSENING ALREADY!



WHAT ABOUT THE EAGLES? FEND THEM OFF WITH A CHAIR--BUT DON'T WASTE TIME FIGHTING THEM FOR THE FUN OF IT.



THEN, BOARDING THE PENGUIN'S OWN PLANE...

MORE FUN THAN A ROLLER COASTER. THAT DOME'S THE PLACE, EH?

IT'S THE CLUB NIGHTINGALE, OPENING TONIGHT--AND I SUSPECT THE PENGUIN IS OPENING IT.



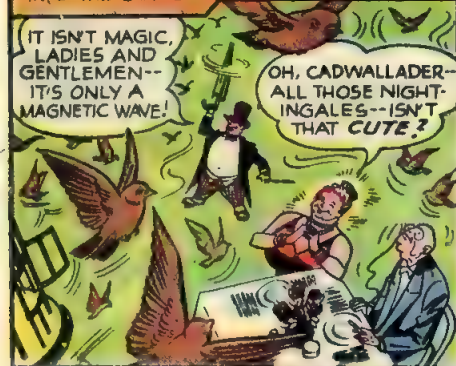
BENEATH THE CRYSTAL DOME OF THE LOFTY GOTHAM TOWER, A GLITTERING THRONG HAS GATHERED FOR THE NIGHT CLUB OPENING...



THAT MUST BE GUINPEN, THE MASKED MASTER OF CEREMONIES THE ADVERTISEMENTS TOLD ABOUT.

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, DEAR PEOPLE?

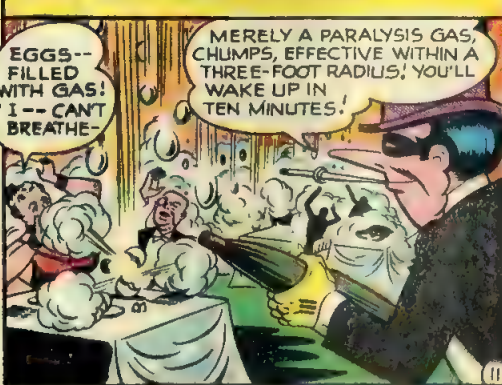
A CIRCULAR SWEEP OF A REMARKABLE UMBRELLA AND AS IF BY MAGIC, CAGES OPEN AND FEATHERED SONGSTERS DART INTO THE DOME...



IT ISN'T MAGIC, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN--IT'S ONLY A MAGNETIC WAVE!

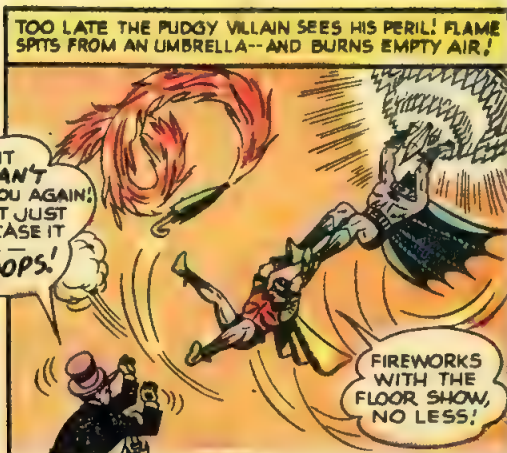
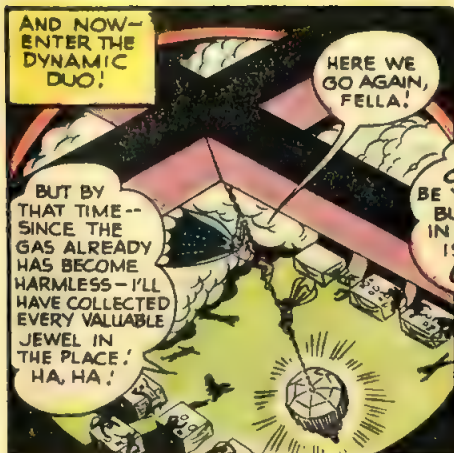
OH, CADWALLADER--ALL THOSE NIGHTINGALES--ISN'T THAT CUTE?

BUT WHAT'S THIS?... NEAR-INVISIBLE THREADS SNAP AS WINGS BRUSH THEM--AND A SHOWER OF EGG-BOMBS DESCENDS!

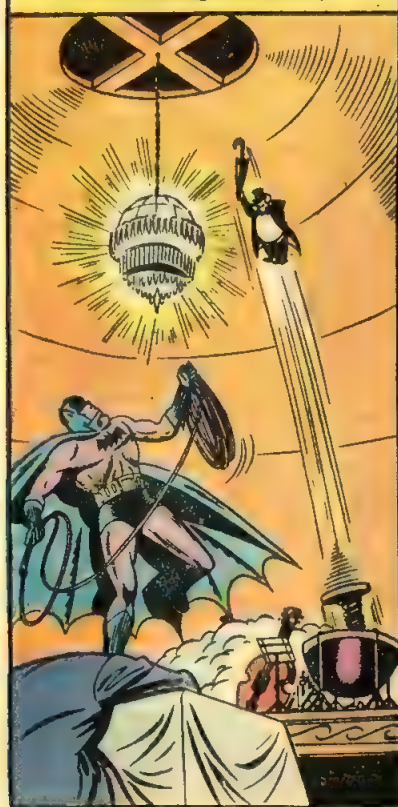


EGGS-- FILLED WITH GAS! I-- CAN'T BREATHE--

MERELY A PARALYSIS GAS, CHUMPS, EFFECTIVE WITHIN A THREE-FOOT RADIUS! YOU'LL WAKE UP IN TEN MINUTES!



ON THE ORCHESTRA STAGE, THE PENGUIN  
LEAPS UPON A KETTLEDRUM--WITH  
ASTONISHING RESULTS!



AS THE DYNAMIC DUO REACHES THE PEAK OF THE DOME  
WITH THE AID OF BATMAN'S SILKEN ROPE...



PLUMMETING TO THE CURVE OF THE DOME, THE PENGUIN  
SLIDES TOWARD THE THREAT OF DEATH HUNDREDS OF  
FEET BELOW...



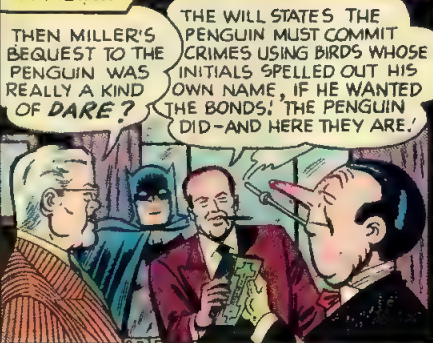




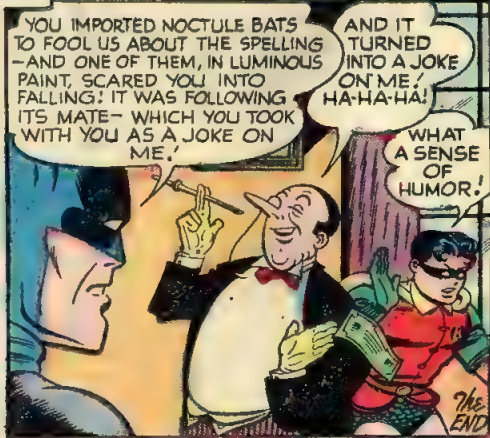
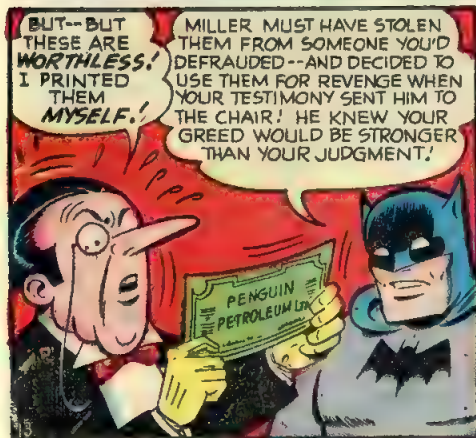
THOUGH MATCHLESS ACROBATS AND PARTNERS IN PERIL,  
SELDOM HAS THE PRECISION PAIR PERFORMED SO  
PERILOUSLY! A PLUNGE... A SICKENING SLIDE...  
AND AT THE VERY EDGE OF THE ABYSS...



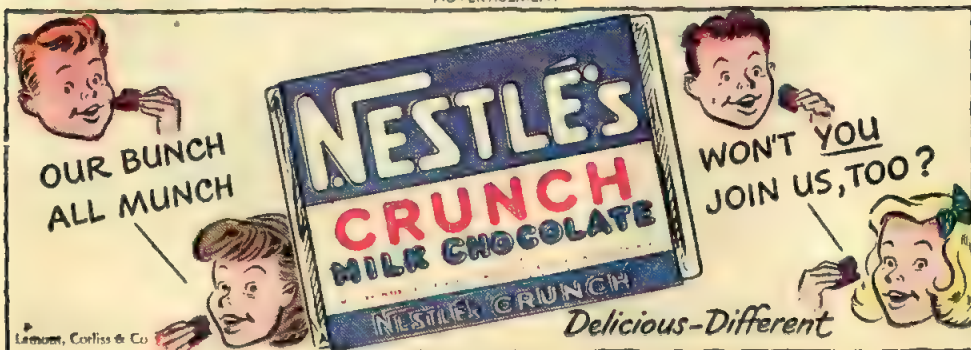
LATER, WITH THE HELP OF INFORMATION FROM  
HORACE SPRINGER, THE WHOLE AMAZING  
STORY COMES OUT IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S  
OFFICE...



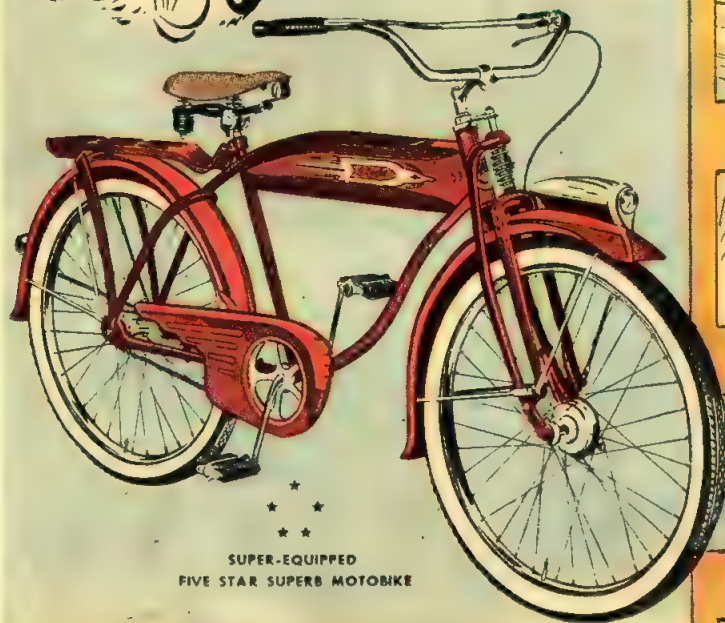
YET, EVEN IN THIS DARK MOMENT, THE  
PECULIAR PENGUIN CAN LAUGH!



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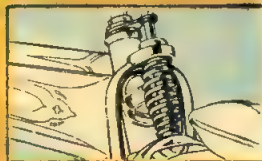
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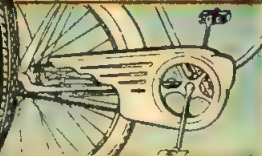
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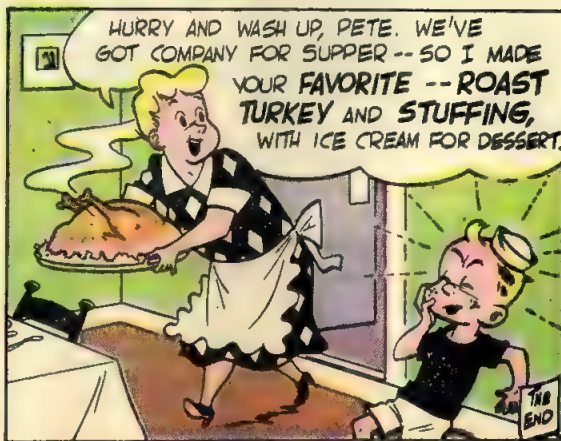
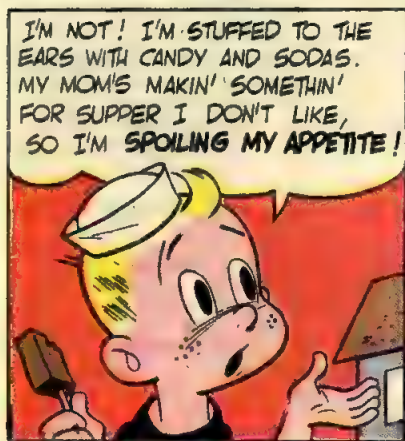
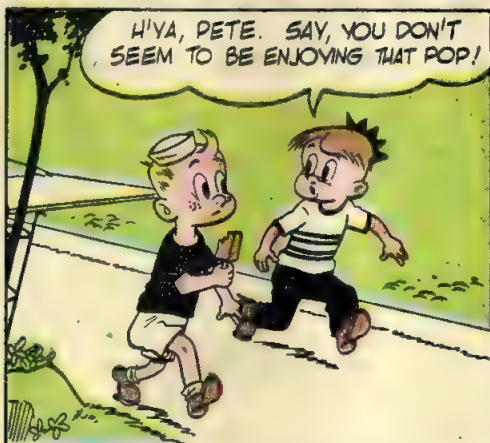
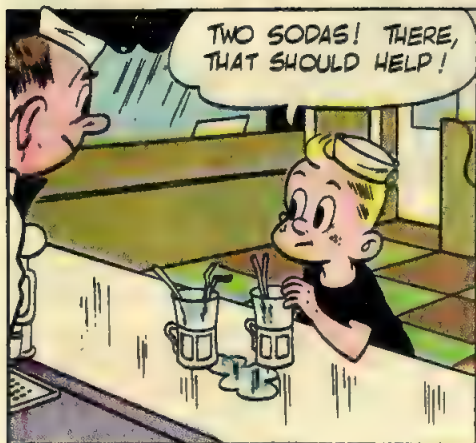
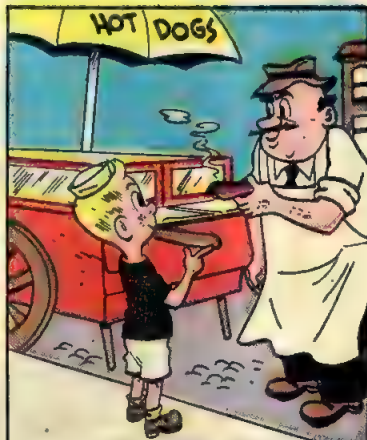
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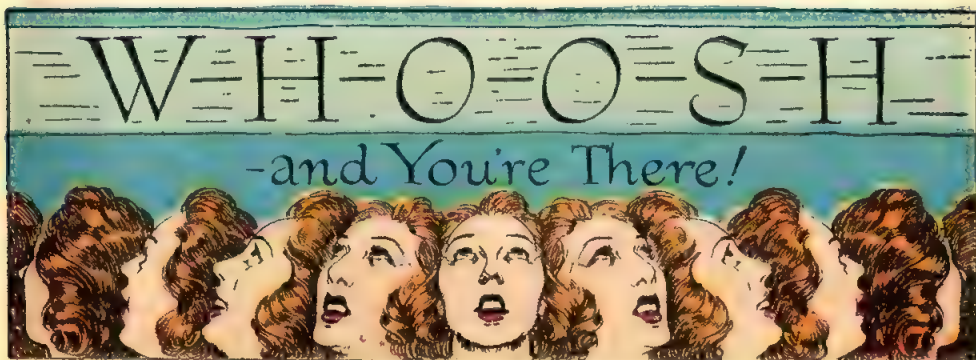
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“WE made up our minds at the last minute to go to Buenos Aires yesterday. Dad had something to talk over with the South American office, and wanted to do it in person; we had a quick lunch at home, and made Buenos Aires before dinner.”

And that, readers, could very well be an excerpt from a letter *you* will write some years from now. It probably doesn't surprise you. We have, in this age of science, come to accept almost anything in the way of predictions about the world of the future. Anyway, before you know it, the world of the future becomes the world of the present. In our grandfathers' day, almost everybody took a very dim view of “progress.” Telephones, radios, automobiles, electricity, and flying were all considered nightmares of impractical dreamers. Even when they made their appearance, there were still a few die-hards who maintained stubbornly that these “newfangled” inventions would soon disappear.

But in this day and age, nothing is impossible. We are on the brink of the *rocket age*. During the last war, we became accustomed to the work of rockets—deadly work, and terrifying. Now, however, with the hope of eternal peace in mind, scientists are beginning to see

the actuality of putting rockets to work for humanity instead of against it. Soon, we may very well be seeing the rocket age with its many contributions to a better way of life.

Ten years ago, there were scientists who claimed that jet-propelled craft couldn't work. Now, scientists are talking of reaching other planets, such as Mars and Venus.

You may ask, to what uses can rockets be put? Aside from super-speed for world-girdling passengers, there must be some other practical reasons for rockets.

Actually, scientists are thinking of rocket travel, not so much for people, as for research into cosmic problems, hitherto never solved.

Within a few months, a well-developed course in rocket study will start at two of the nation's leading centers for rocket research. Princeton University and the California Institute of Technology will turn their attention to the planning of peacetime rocket uses.

One of the outstanding phases of rocket research is high altitude findings. From New Mexico, V-2 rockets have zoomed off into the stratosphere, carrying photographic equipment, instruments of all kinds for weather measuring, and other gadgets for determining what goes on above us. A recent trip



by a V-2 rocket is known to have soared 250 miles upwards into space.

Weather may be forecast exclusively by rockets in the not too distant future. The method used today is balloon ascension. Instruments are placed in the balloon, which is sent aloft. But the balloon has many disadvantages for weather findings. They tend to drift and are subject to all sorts of uncertainties. Small rockets, it is hoped, may be put into use for meteorological experiments. They could penetrate any kind of weather, and would be controlled in such a way that they would bring back weather reports to a designated spot.

High altitude rockets have already proved to be of enormous value in photography, mapping problems, searching for lost aircraft, etc.

Not long ago, rockets bearing photographic equipment reached altitudes of 60 to 80 miles, returned to earth, and revealed many things. The camera is usually smashed in such trips back to earth, but the film is always intact.

Astronomers, too, are very excited about the future of high altitude rockets. At this time, astronomers have had to be content with pictures and sights of the sun, stars, and planets through a

thick haze of the earth's atmosphere—some 200 miles of it to be exact. By day, the stars are invisible because of sunlight. By night, the impressions of the stars reach us without many of their natural characteristics, such as ultra-violet and other wave-lengths. It is hoped that rocket photography may disclose the nature of the universe.

Other hopes that may become realities are the swift delivery of mail all over the world, transportation of express items, etc., that bid fair to make the telegraph system look obsolete.

But even more exciting to contemplate, of course, is the idea of you rocketing around from here to there just as comfortably and calmly as you might ride a bike or take a train trip.

Experiments being conducted now give evidence that there will be a long-range rocket craft for passenger use. Such transcontinental or trans-oceanic flights will be the final and hopeful goal of a true One World.

You want to spend an afternoon with a Chinese farmer, watch the machine production in a factory in Hungary, buy some cheese in Denmark, bring a gift back for Susy from Persia? Rocket away! The time is near.



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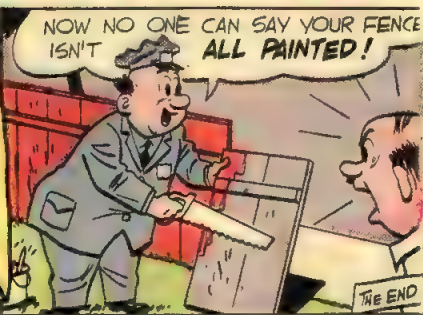
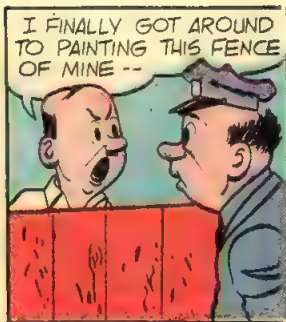
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BATMAN



# BATMAN

WITH  
**ROBIN**  
-THE BOY WONDER-

WE DON'T NEED  
YOU ON THIS CASE,  
BATMAN. WE'VE  
GOT AN EXPERT!

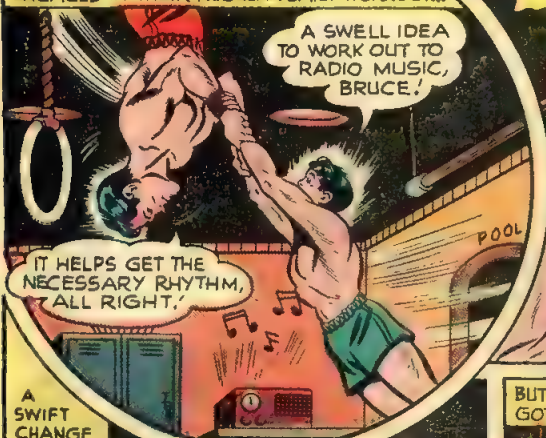
BOB  
KANE

FOR YEARS, THE MIGHTIEST ALLIES OF  
THE POLICE IN THEIR UNCEASING  
WAR AGAINST THE UNDERWORLD  
HAVE BEEN THE WORLD'S GREATEST  
CRIME-CRUSHERS--THE BATMAN  
AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER!  
ALWAYS, THE POLICE HAVE BEEN  
GRATEFUL FOR THE INTREPID  
DUO'S HELP--ALWAYS, UNTIL NOW!  
FOR SUDDENLY THE DYNAMIC DUO  
IS OUTDONE BY AN AMATEUR  
SLEUTH THE POLICE REGARD AS...

**"A GREATER  
DETECTIVE THAN  
BATMAN!"**



IN THEIR PRIVATE GYM, BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON ARE ENGAGED IN THEIR REGULAR DAILY WORKOUT...



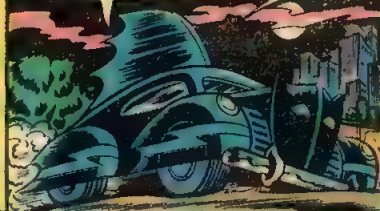
A SWELL IDEA TO WORK OUT TO RADIO MUSIC, BRUCE!

IT HELPS GET THE NECESSARY RHYTHM, ALL RIGHT.

A SWIFT CHANGE OF COSTUME, AND FROM THE HIDDEN BATCAVE ROLLS THE MIGHTY BAT-MOBILE!

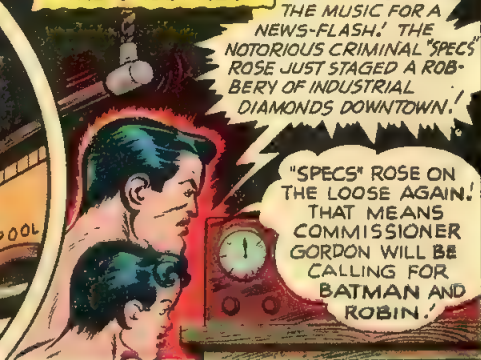
THAT'S FUNNY--I DON'T SEE THE BAT SIGNAL CALLING US YET.

IT WILL, IN A MOMENT!



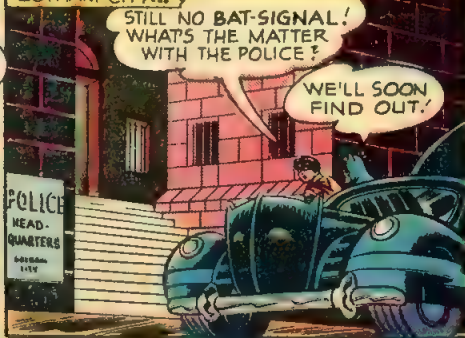
SUDDENLY, A STARTLING INTERRUPTION BREAKS THEIR ROUTINE!

WE INTERRUPT THE MUSIC FOR A NEWS-FLASH! THE NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL "SPECS" ROSE JUST STAGED A ROBBERY OF INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS DOWNTOWN!



"SPECS" ROSE ON THE LOOSE AGAIN! THAT MEANS COMMISSIONER GORDON WILL BE CALLING FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN!

BUT AS MINUTES PASS, AND THE DUO RACES INTO GOTHAM CITY...

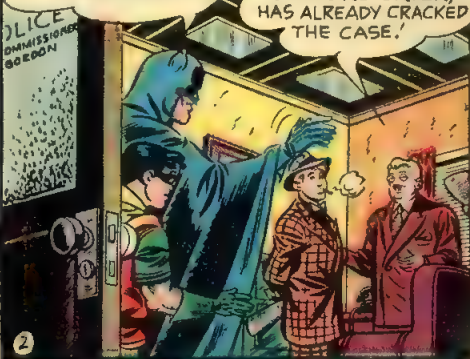


STILL NO BAT-SIGNAL! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE POLICE?

WE'LL SOON FIND OUT!

YOU DIDN'T CALL US BY THE BAT-SIGNAL, COMMISSIONER, BUT WE CAME ANYWAY WHEN WE HEARD OF THAT ROBBERY.

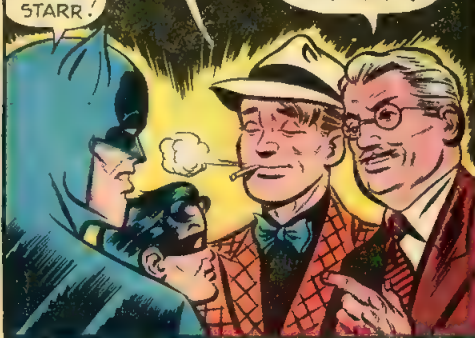
WE DIDN'T CALL YOU, BATMAN, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T NEED YOU! JACK STARR, THE GOTHAM EXPRESS CRIME REPORTER, HAS ALREADY CRACKED THE CASE.



WHAT, ALREADY? THAT'S MIGHTY FAST WORK, STARR!

IT WAS NOTHING, REALLY!

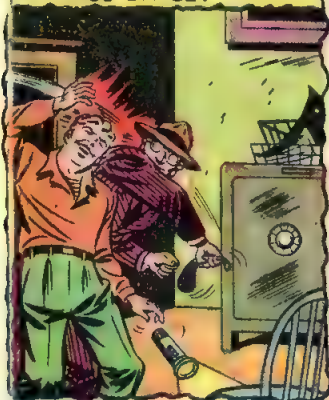
DON'T BE SO MODEST, STARR! IT WAS A BRILLIANT PIECE OF DETECTION! LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT IT, BATMAN!







"IT STARTED WHEN SPECS ROSE SLUGGED THE WATCHMAN OF THE INDUSTRIAL DIAMOND COMPANY, RIGHT NEXT TO THE GOTHAM EXPRESS OFFICE!"



"THIS DESPERATE CRIMINAL FORCED THE SAFE AND CARRIED OFF SEVERAL BIG CASES OF INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS USED IN DRILLS, WORTH THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS!"

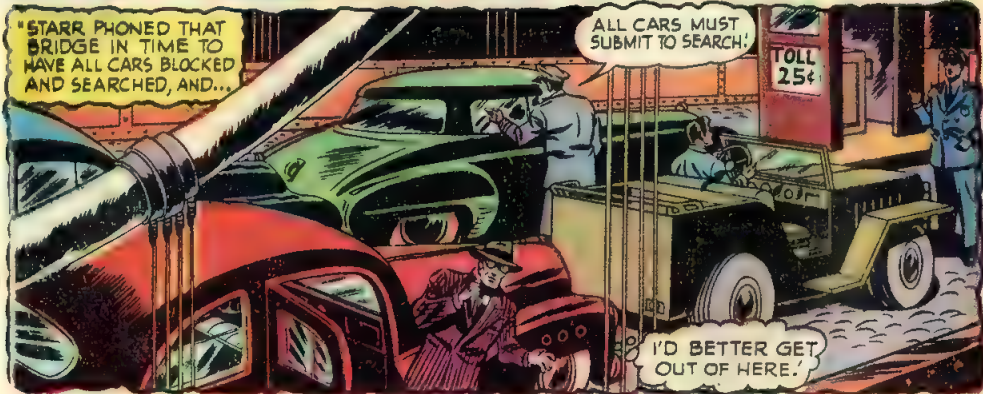


"CRIME REPORTER JACK STARR, FROM THE EXPRESS NEXT DOOR, WAS ON THE SCENE FIRST, AND FOUND A CLUE!"

SAY, THIS SLIP IS A TOLL-BRIDGE RECEIPT! IF THE BANDIT *CAME* THAT WAY, HE'D GO BACK THE *SAME* WAY TO HIS HIDEOUT!



"STARR PHONED THAT BRIDGE IN TIME TO HAVE ALL CARS BLOCKED AND SEARCHED, AND..."



ALL CARS MUST  
SUBMIT TO SEARCH!

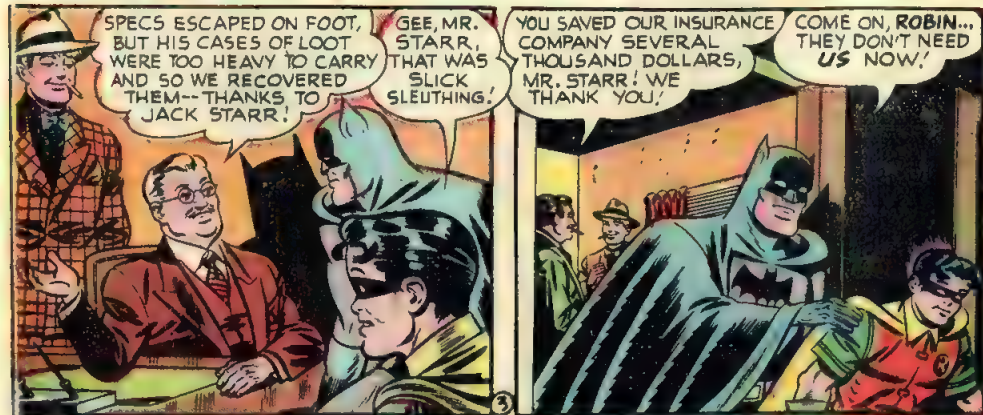
I'D BETTER GET  
OUT OF HERE.

SPECS ESCAPED ON FOOT, BUT HIS CASES OF LOOT WERE TOO HEAVY TO CARRY AND SO WE RECOVERED THEM-- THANKS TO JACK STARR!

GEE, MR. STARR, THAT WAS SLICK SLEUTHING!

YOU SAVED OUR INSURANCE COMPANY SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS, MR. STARR! WE THANK YOU!

COME ON, ROBIN... THEY DON'T NEED *US* NOW!





WAIT, **BATMAN!**

IT'S VICKI VALE, THE PICTURE MAGAZINE PHOTOGRAPHER -- SHE'S GOING TO GUM THINGS UP FOR US AGAIN!



JACK STARR WAS JUST LUCKY! HE CAN'T COMPARE WITH **YOU** AS A DETECTIVE -- AND I'LL SEE YOU GET AS MUCH PUBLICITY AS HE DOES!

WE'RE NOT AFTER PUBLICITY, VICKI, BUT TO CATCH SPECS ROSE! I'VE AN IDEA HE'LL STRIKE SOON AGAIN!

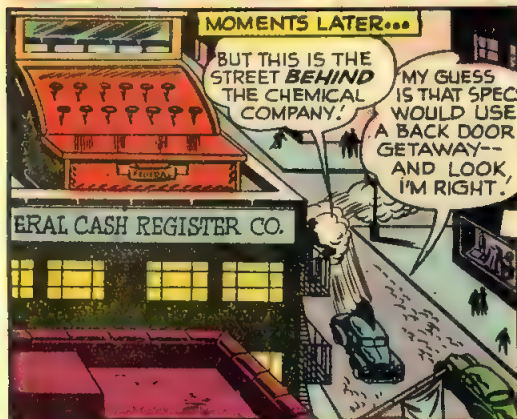


THE NEXT NIGHT, AS THE DYNAMIC DUO PATROLS GOTHAM CITY IN THEIR POWERFUL **BATMOBILE...**

BURGLAR ALARM SOUNDING AT ACME CHEMICAL CO.

LISTEN, A POLICE FLASH!

THAT SOUNDS LIKE SPECS! LET'S GO!



MOMENTS LATER...

BUT THIS IS THE STREET **BEHIND** THE CHEMICAL COMPANY!

MY GUESS IS THAT SPECS WOULD USE A BACK DOOR GETAWAY -- AND LOOK, I'M RIGHT!



BETTER GIVE UP, SPECS! YOU'RE CORNERED!

NOT THIS TIME, **BATMAN!** THIS TIME IT'S...

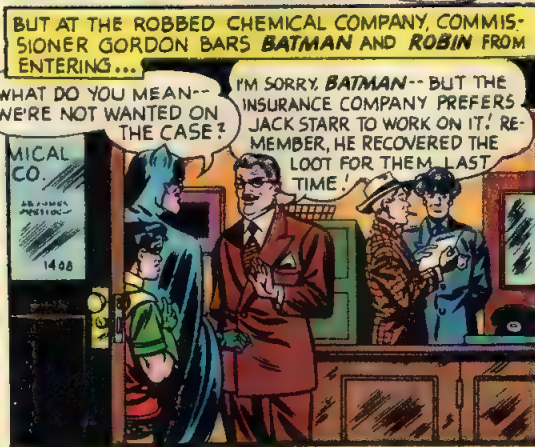
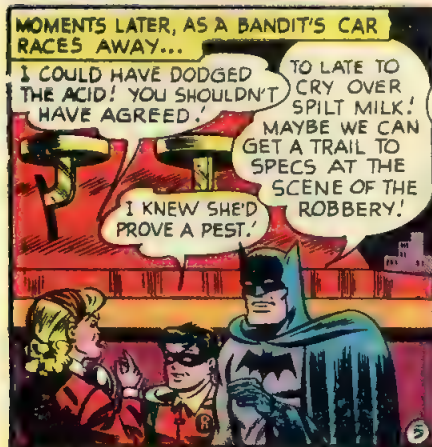
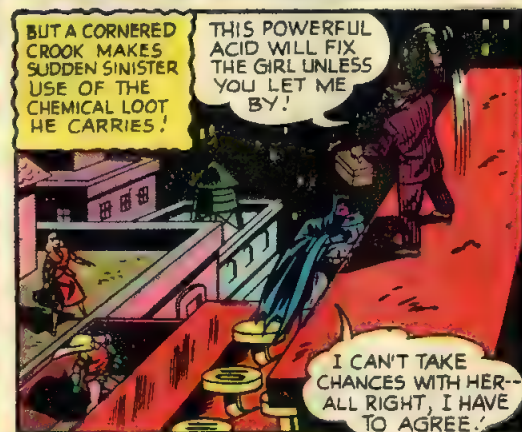
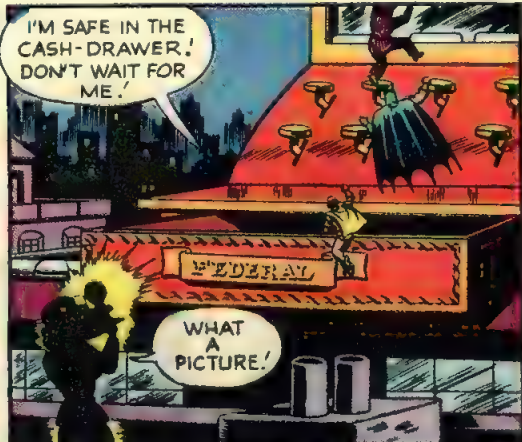
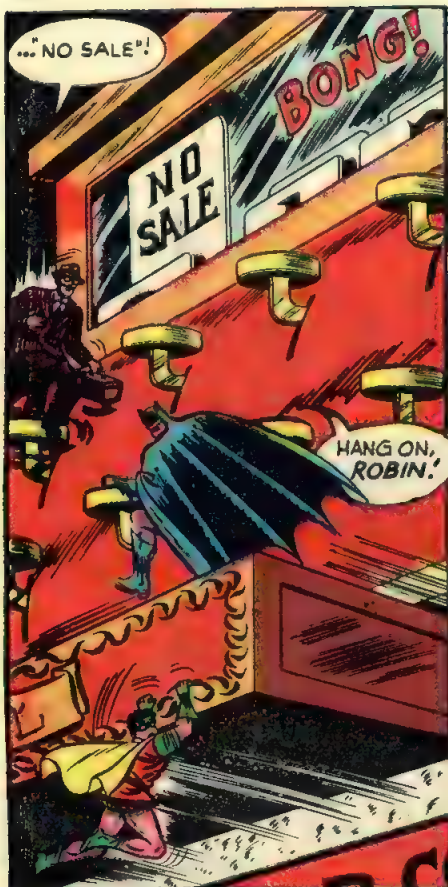


AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** CLAMBER UP THE FIRE ESCAPE AFTER SPECS, VICKI VALE CATCHES THE SCENE THROUGH THE VIEW FINDER OF HER CAMERA...

I KNEW YOU'D BE HERE WHEN I HEARD THAT FLASH, **BATMAN!** I'LL GET SOME SHOTS OF YOU IN ACTION THAT WILL MAKE JACK STARR LOOK SICK!

VICKI, STAY BACK!





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MEANWHILE, JACK STARR, THE AMAZING AMATEUR DETECTIVE BEGINS HIS SLEUTHING...

HE GOT ONLY A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS WORTH OF PLATINUM, MR. STARR. HERE'S AN EMPTY BOX HE LEFT BEHIND WHEN HE COULDN'T FILL IT WITH LOOT.

WHY, THIS IS A FROZEN-FOOD CARTON! IT SAYS "ARCTIC FOOD LOCKER" INSIDE IT! BETTER CHECK THAT LOCKER AT ONCE!

WITHIN MINUTES...

YOU GUESSED IT, MR. STARR! HE'D CACHED THE LOOT AWAY IN A PUBLIC FOOD-LOCKER!

AGAIN YOU'VE SAVED OUR INSURANCE COMPANY MONEY, MR. STARR.

LATER...

JACK STARR AGAIN OUTSHINES BATMAN AS DETECTIVE!

IT MAKES ME SICK! ANYONE COULD DO WHAT HE DID, WITH SUCH OBVIOUS CLUES!

FORGET IT--ROBIN AND I ARE GOING TO KEEP SEARCHING THESE STREETS FOR SPECS!

THE NEXT DAY, WHEN VICKI VISITS THE GOTHAM EXPRESS OFFICE...

THE IDEA OF YOU COMPARING YOURSELF TO BATMAN!

AW, HE'S A LITTLE OVERRATED, AND WHY DON'T YOU STOP SPYING ON ME, MISS VALE, AND GO BACK TO YOUR OWN MAGAZINE?

PHONE FOR YOU, JACK--ONE OF YOUR NEWS-TIPS, I GUESS.

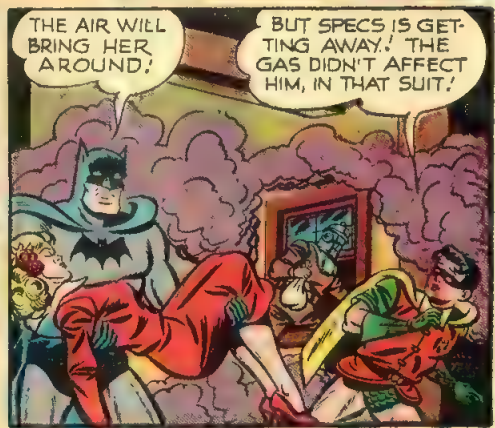
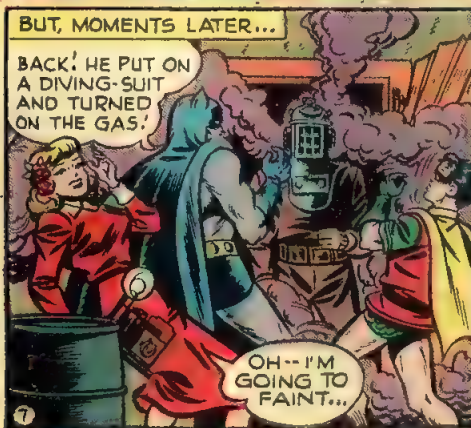
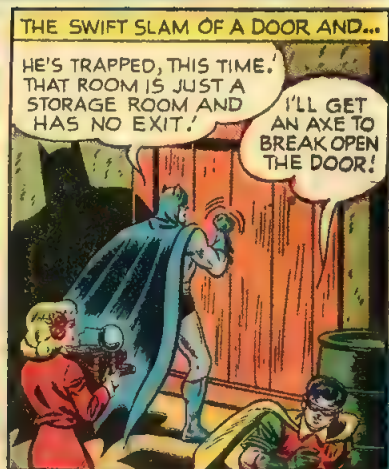
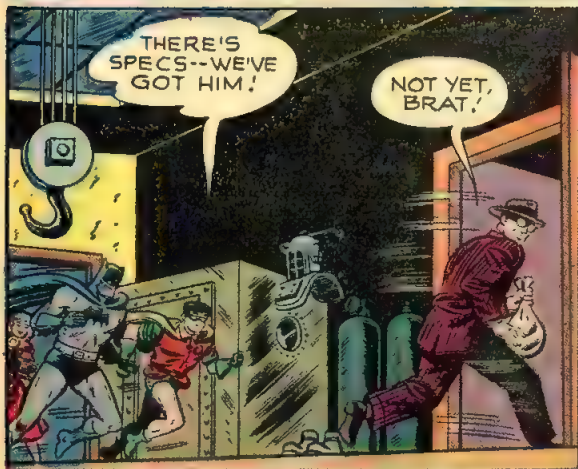
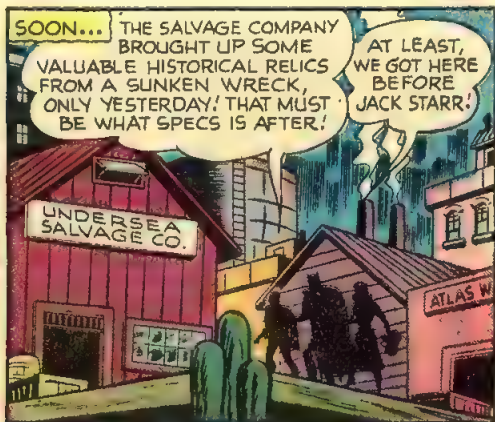
YOU SAY YOU JUST SAW SPECS NEAR THE UNDER-SEA SALVAGE COMPANY? I'LL GET THERE PRONTO!

I'VE GOT TO TELL BATMAN THIS AT ONCE!

MOMENTS AFTERWARDS...

BATMAN, SPECS IS PROWLING AROUND THE UNDER-SEA SALVAGE COMPANY!

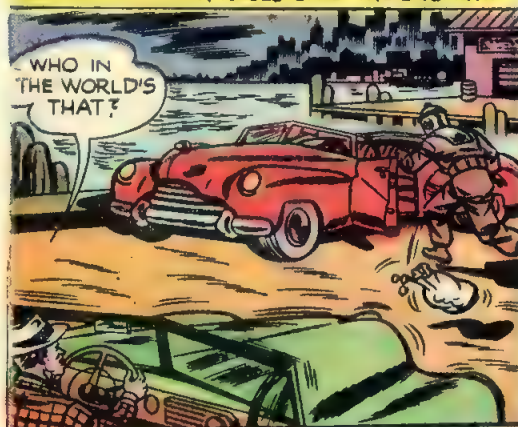
THAT'S ALL I WANT TO KNOW! I KNOW A SHORT-CUT THERE!







BUT AS JACK STARR RACES ONTO THE SCENE...



MOMENTS LATER, WITH A BANDIT AGAIN ESCAPED...

I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS SPECS IN THE DIVING SUIT, SO HE GOT AWAY-- BUT I RECOVERED THE LOOT.

NICE GOING, MR. STARR!



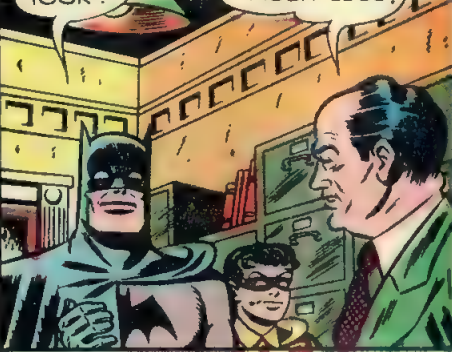
IT'S MY FAULT HE GOT AWAY FROM YOU! AND AGAIN JACK STARR RECOVERED THE LOOT BY SHEER LUCK!

I BELIEVE SPECS IS PLAYING A DEEP GAME! LET'S GO BACK TO THAT INDUSTRIAL DIAMOND COMPANY HE FIRST ROBBED.



WAS ALL THE LOOT RECOVERED THAT SPECS ROSE TOOK?

ALL OF IT, EXCEPT ONE DIAMOND-DRILL. BUT THAT WASN'T MUCH LOSS!



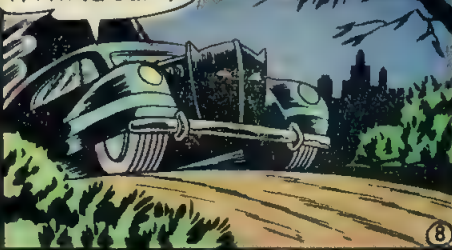
EACH TIME, SPECS GOT AWAY WITH SOMETHING HE WANTED--A DIAMOND DRILL, A FLASK OF POWERFUL ACID, AND NOW A DIVING SUIT! HE'S PLANNING SOME BIG CRIME AND NEEDS THOSE THINGS FOR HIS COUP!

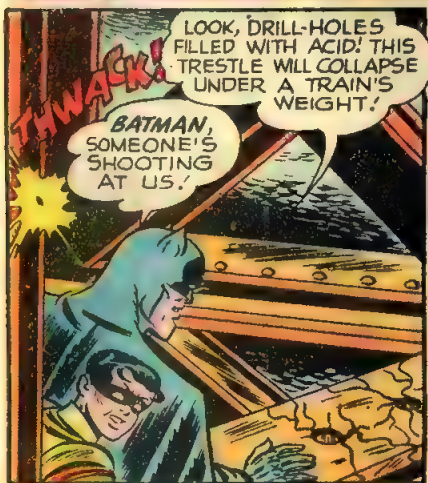
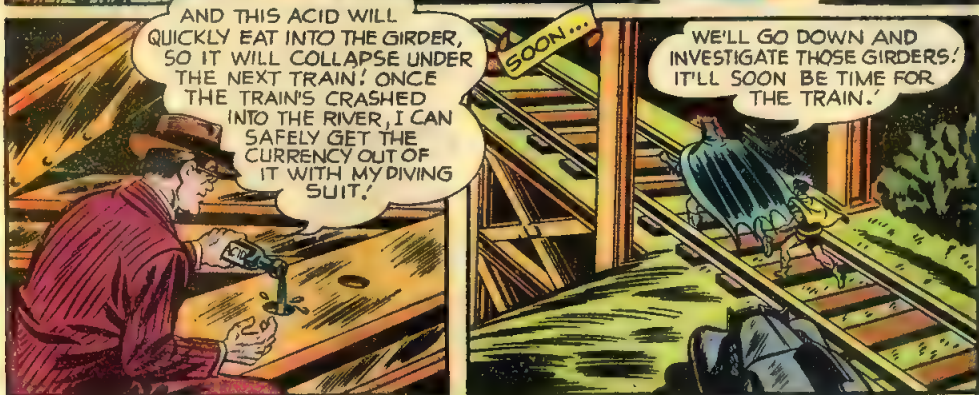
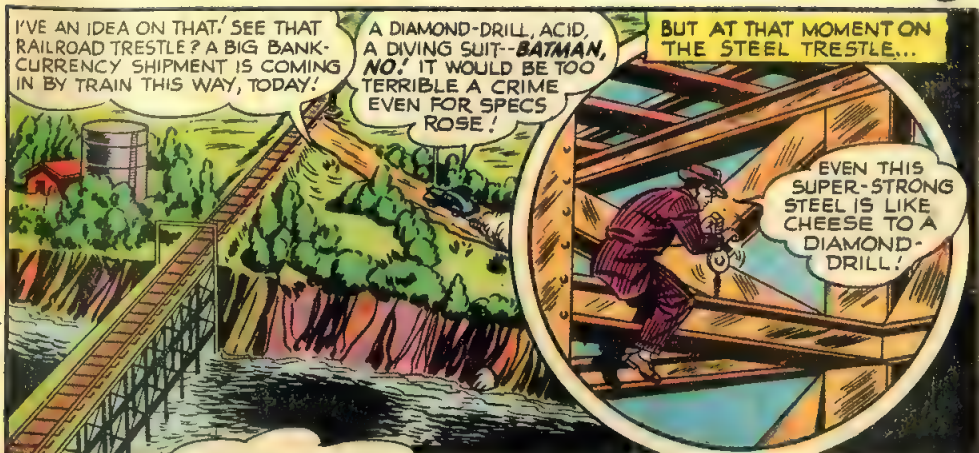
BUT WHY DID HE TAKE THE OTHER LOOT, AND THEN LET STARR RECOVER IT?



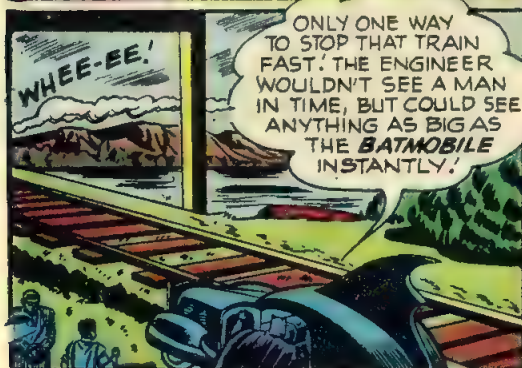
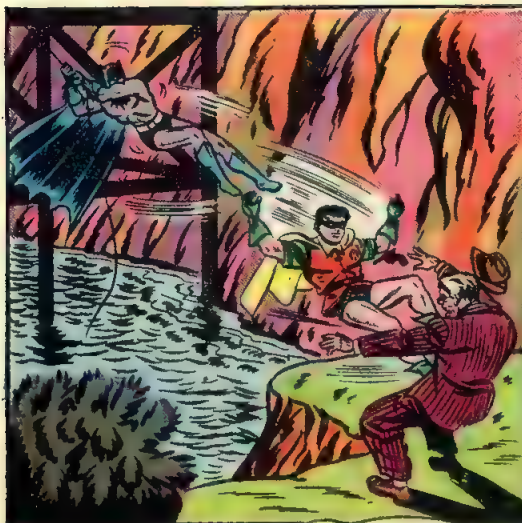
I BELIEVE THAT WAS A BLIND, SO NOBODY WOULD NOTICE THE OTHER THINGS HE TOOK AND GUESS HIS PLANS.

WHAT CRIME CAN HE BE PLANNING? WHAT ROBBERY COULD HE COMMIT WITH A DIVING SUIT?









ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP THAT TRAIN FAST! THE ENGINEER WOULDN'T SEE A MAN IN TIME, BUT COULD SEE ANYTHING AS BIG AS THE **BATMOBILE** INSTANTLY!



...TILL THE LAST SECOND!

THEY'RE STOPPING THE TRAIN IN TIME!

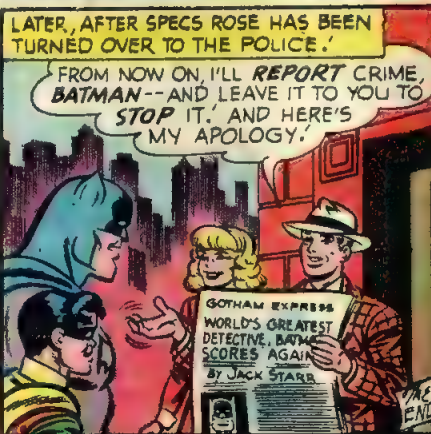
A MOMENT LATER... SURE I PLANNED IT-- AND BUILT UP JACK STARR BY PLANTING OBVIOUS CLUES FOR HIM TO FIND SO **YOU** WOULDN'T GET ON THE CASE AND GUESS WHAT I WAS PLANNING! BUT YOU'RE TOO LATE TO SAVE THAT TRAIN!



STRAIGHT TOWARD IMMINENT DESTRUCTION THUNDERS THE **BATMOBILE**!



THE TRESTLE WILL HOLD THE **BATMOBILE'S** WEIGHT! THEY'RE BOUND TO JAM ON ALL BRAKES IF I KEEP COMING AT THEM...



LATER, AFTER SPECS ROSE HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE!

FROM NOW ON, I'LL **REPORT CRIME, BATMAN**--AND LEAVE IT TO YOU TO **STOP IT**. AND HERE'S MY APOLOGY.



# THE GREEN ARROW

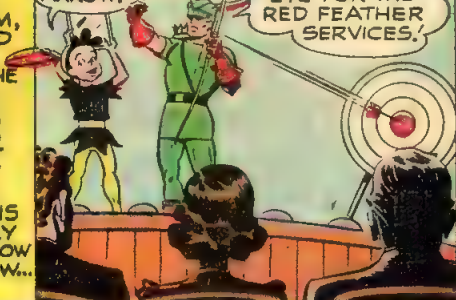
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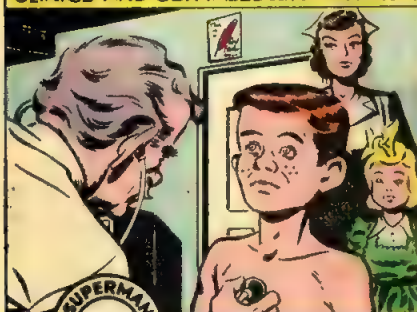
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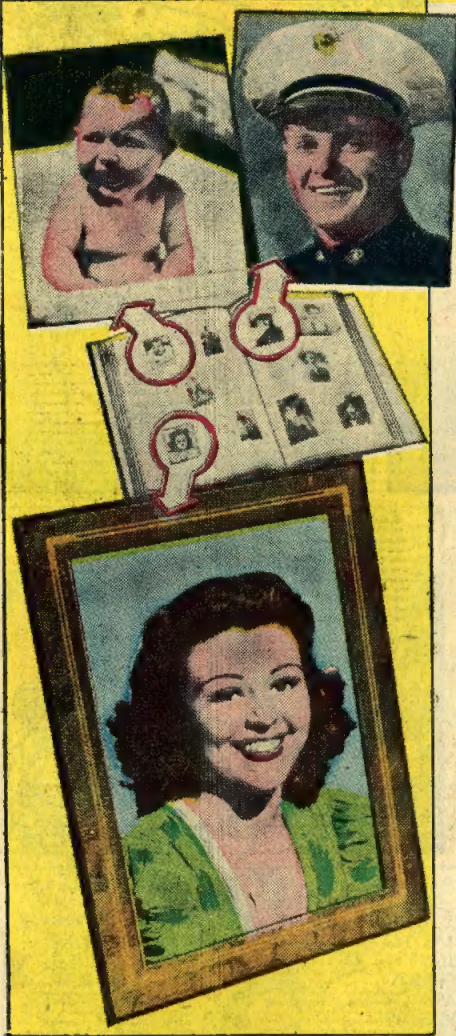
YES, SCORE A BULL'S-EYE YOURSELF BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE RED FEATHER SERVICES! REMEMBER, IT'S "A FEATHER IN YOUR CAP" TO WEAR A RED FEATHER!



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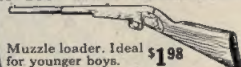


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